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1. When you see this Real it means the story is really real. Honest.
2. I'm Zelda Van Gutters, Nick Mag's roving reporter. My idea of a good vacation is tooling, uh, *drooling* down the highway.

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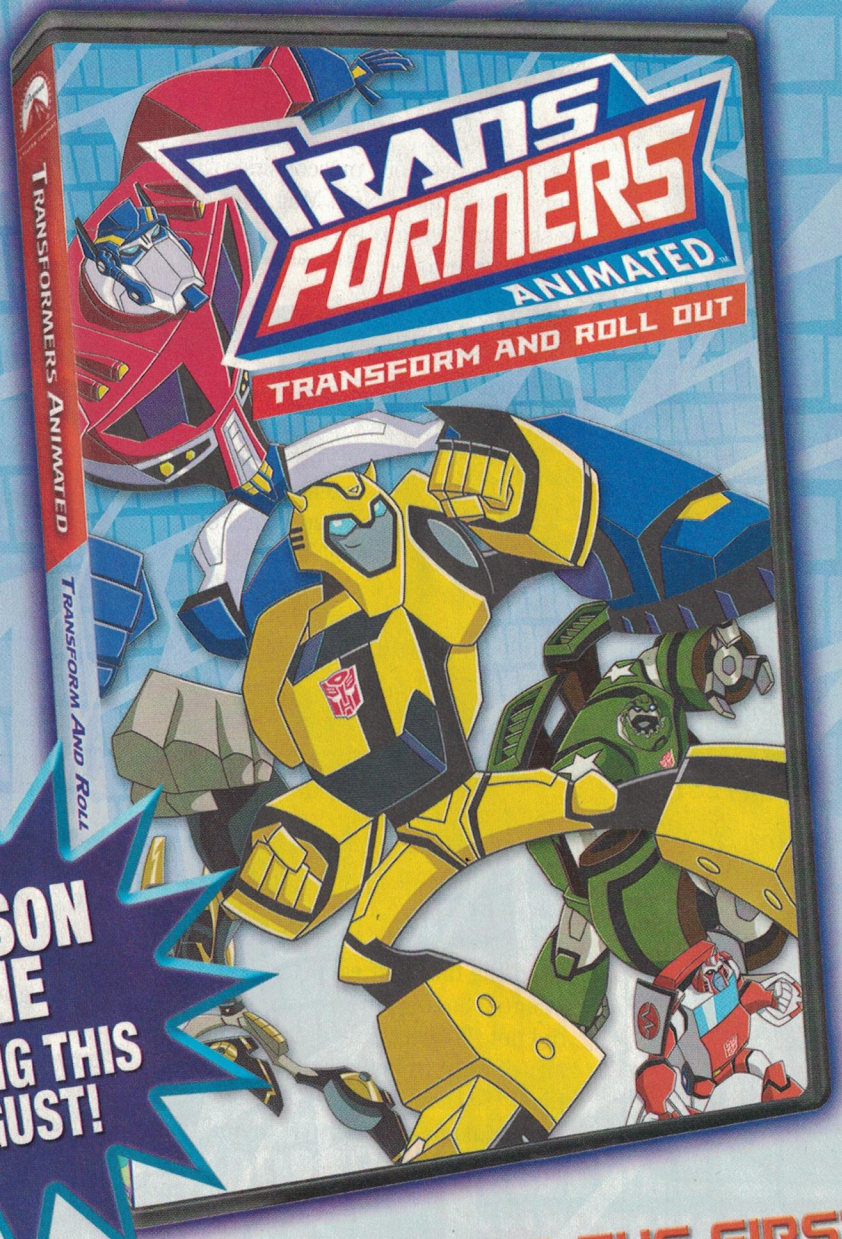

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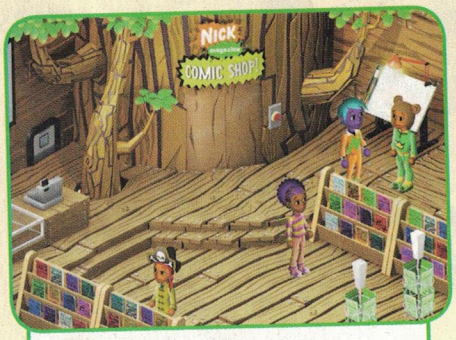

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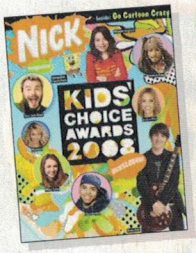
Real

Dear Nick Mag,
I love the magazines, but why is Zelda in every issue and on every page?
Emily K., age 10
via e-mail

Dear Emily,
Zelda has been our mascot since the very first issue of Nick Mag. Not only is she our roving reporter, she's also a camera hog.

I'm a camera dog.

About the April issue



Dear Nick Mag,
How dare you make fun of Hayao Miyazaki, the greatest person ever to make a movie! That movie (*Castle in the Sky*) was his first, which doubles the insult! Why?
Kate T.
via e-mail

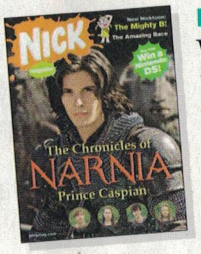
Dear Kate,
We received several letters about our April Say What? page. Some readers liked the fact that we printed an image from *Castle in the Sky;* others did not. We certainly didn't mean any offense to Hayao Miyazaki or his fans! We thought the artwork was beautiful and a great way to end the Cartoon Issue.

EXTRA! EXTRA!
The bad news: Nick Mag won't come out 10 times a year anymore. The good news: We'll come out 11 times! This is our first July issue ever. You just can't have too much Nick Mag.

Dear Nick Mag,
I loved "These Pranks Are for Real." I can't believe someone would spend that much money on foil just for a prank! But I guess it would be pretty cool. I think I'll do that to my sister's room when she goes to camp.
Kale H., age 12
Lexington, Ohio

Dear Kale,
Maybe you should show some mercy for your sister, who may spend the summer having her bed short-sheeted at camp.

About the May issue



Dear Nick Mag,
When I first read "Bad Goods," I thought it was a joke. Then I saw the Real. I mean, who would eat a Fart or put Pork Joy on their hands?
Thomas
via e-mail

Dear Thomas,
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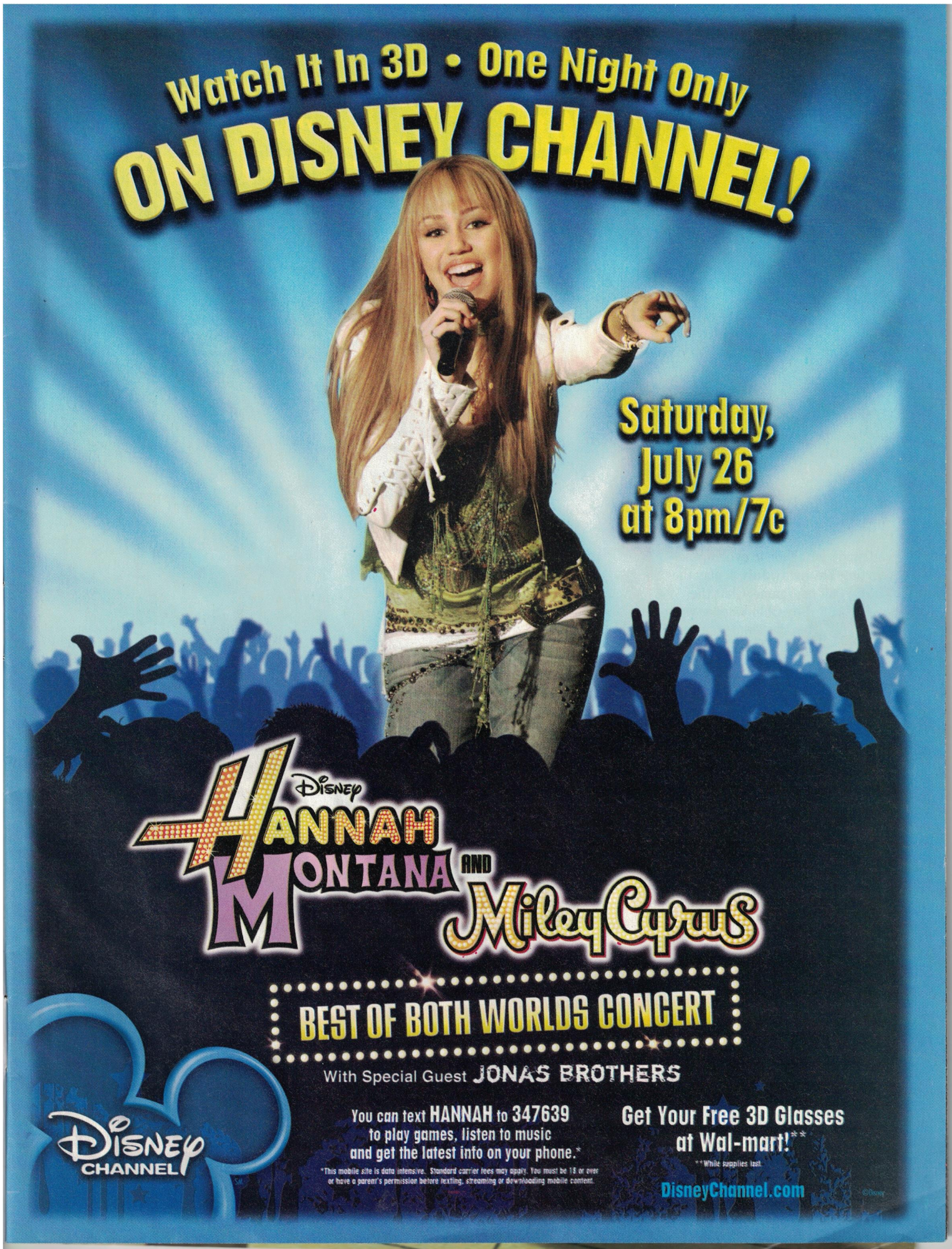
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Dates are subject to change. Check nick.com for details and more information.

There's more news from Nickelodeon starting on page 42.

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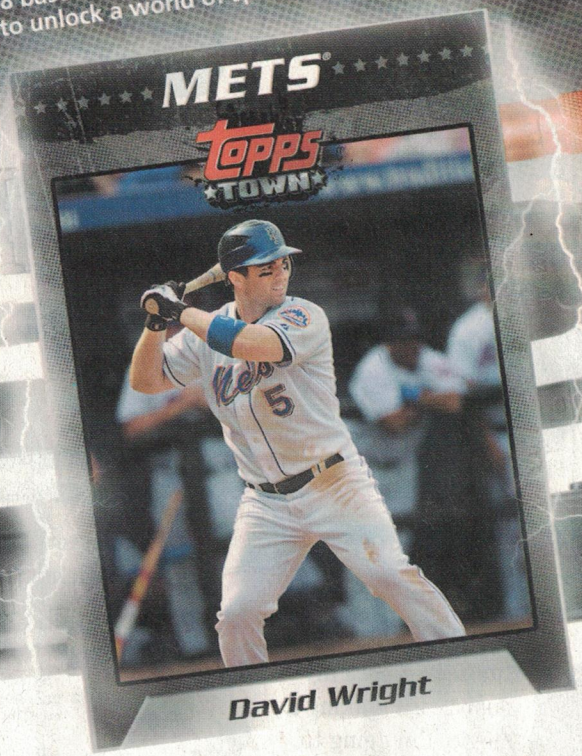

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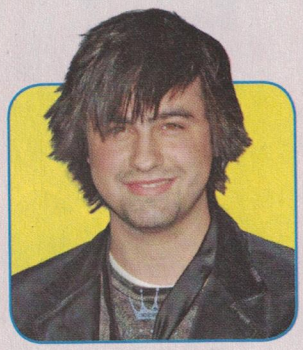
We asked these celebs where they would go on a dream vacation.

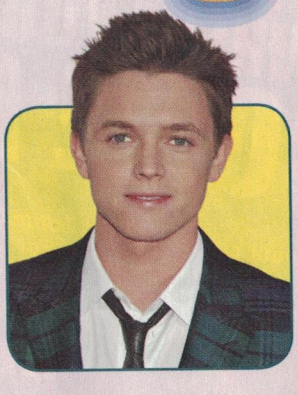


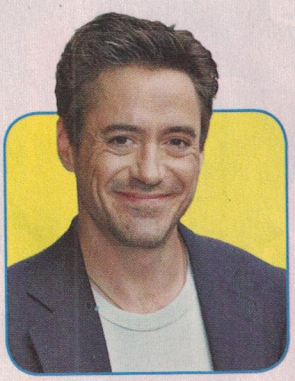
Ryne Sanborn, actor

I would say Hawaii because [last time I went,] I had a broken arm, so I didn't get to swim or anything.

Jesse McCartney, singer

Fiji. I've been to so many places, but I've never been there. It sounds ideal.



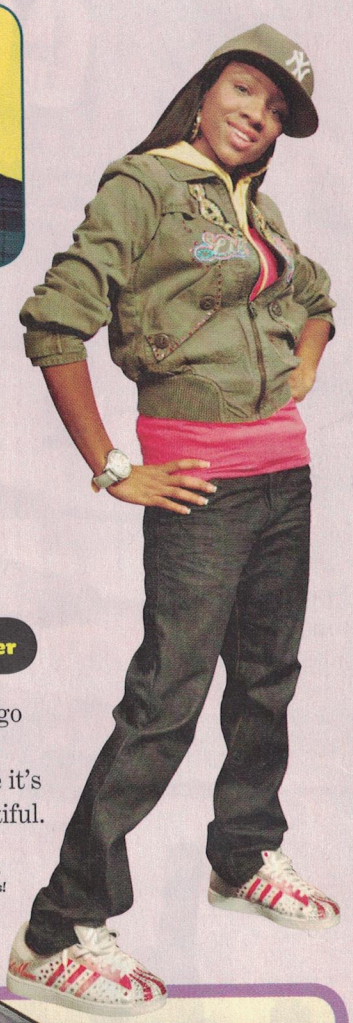


Robert Downey Jr., actor

Where is that place with all those Mexican cities in it? Right—Mexico.

Amy Poehler, actress

I'm going to Italy this summer, where my husband is making a movie. I'm going to hang out and eat pasta.



Lil Mama, rapper

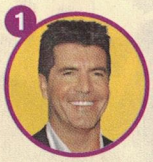
I would probably go to the Bahamas—somewhere where it's tropical and beautiful.

Don't forget to bring lip gloss!

Baggage Claim

We've packed some items we think these stars wouldn't leave home without. Can you match each suitcase to its likely owner?

Answers on page 45.

1.  Simon Cowell

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3. Taylor Swift

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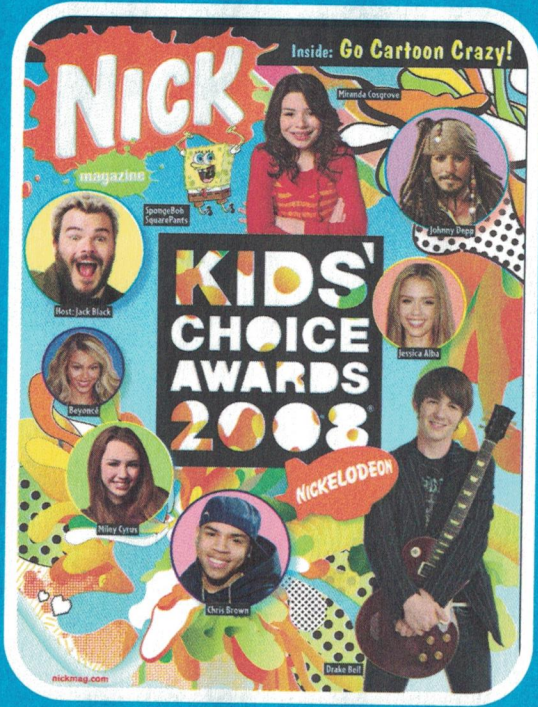

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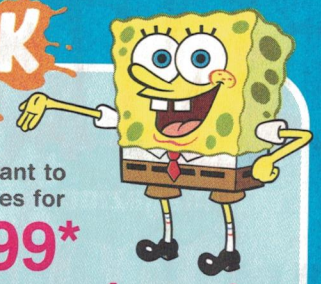

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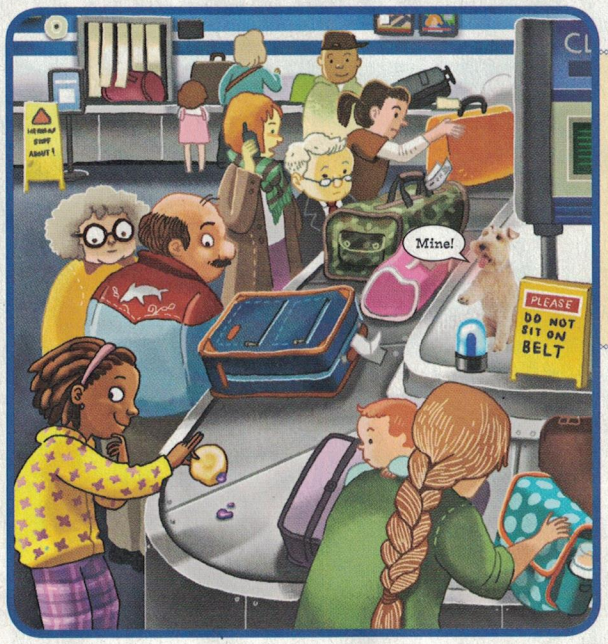
Fun at the AIRPORT

by Jacob Lambert

Is there anything more boring than waiting around for a flight? Nope! We fantasized about some ways to liven up your airport time.

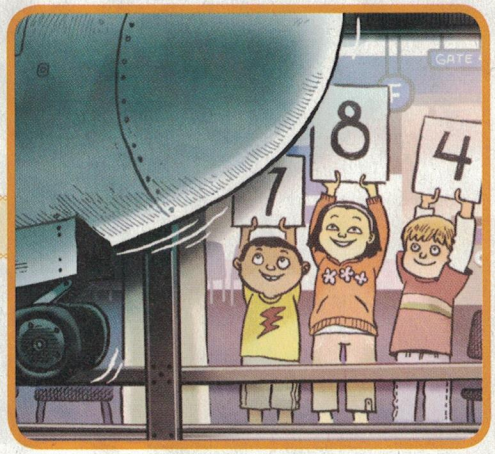


At the baggage claim, put a fresh jelly doughnut on the conveyer belt—and see how long it takes before someone on the other side snaps it up.

Walk the wrong way on the moving sidewalk—and moan that it's "going the wrong way" to whoever passes you.

If you see your pilot, make him or her promise that the flight will absolutely, positively, not make you puke.

Give each airplane's landing an Olympic-style rating.



Overpacked AGAIN?

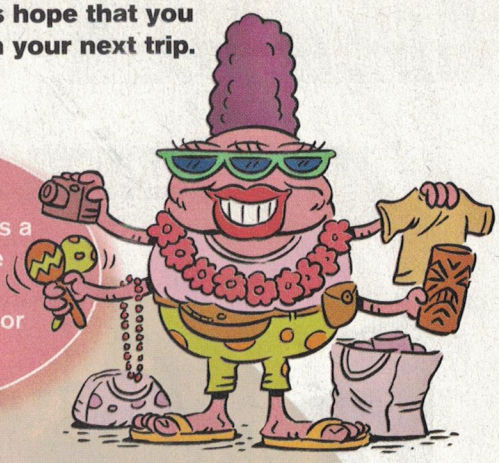
You've probably packed too much stuff if any of the following are true.

- ✓ Your parents just purchased a trailer to carry your bag.
- ✓ You packed your computer...and it's not a laptop.
- ✓ Your formerly square suitcase is now a big ball.
- ✓ You have one suitcase just for shoes.
- ✓ Your neighbors keep asking if you're moving.
- ✓ You packed fabric and a sewing machine in case you run out of clothes.

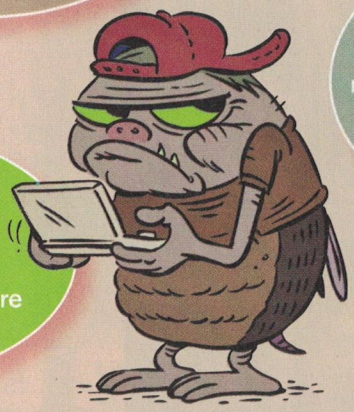
Travel BUGS

When traveling to exotic locations, it's not unusual to catch a "bug" and get sick. Let's hope that you don't catch any of the following on your next trip.

Navigococcus: An illness that makes it impossible for travelers to read maps, follow directions, and see important street signs.

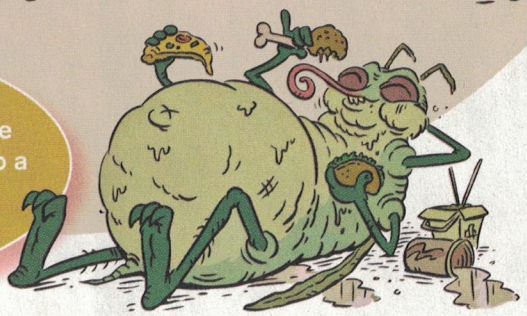


Souvenirtheria: An infection that makes a person want to purchase every souvenir in sight, no matter how cheesy or impractical.



Familitis: A bug that causes people to become testy and annoyed with any family members they are traveling with.

Travelenza: A type of flu that sets in the moment people arrive at their vacation destination and ends when the trip is over.



Stuffing Bug: A virus that gives travelers the irresistible urge to snack or sip a drink at all times, even if they aren't hungry or thirsty.

NOT QUITE There Yet

by Jacob Lambert

If you ask your parents "Are we there yet?" you'd better hope that you don't get one of these answers:

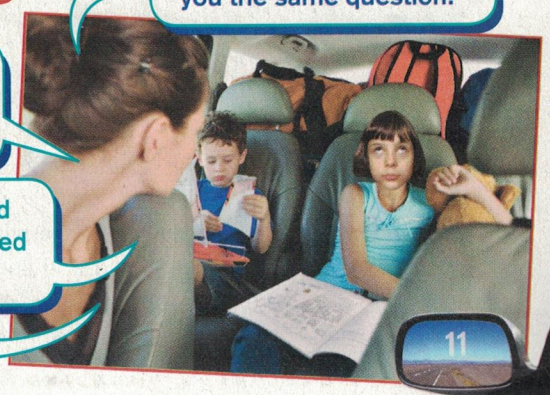
"Just take a little forty-six-hour nap, dear. We'll be there when you wake up!"

"You know how far it is from our house to your school? That's how far away we are...times ten thousand!"

"Not yet—just sit back and enjoy the next eight hundred miles of cornfields."

"What do you mean? We're on our way home now!"

"Uh-oh—I was about to ask you the same question!"



Fly the Furry Skies

Real

If you're traveling by plane this summer, we hope your trip isn't as wild as one of these.

by Anne D. Bernstein

These Two Birds Look Fishy

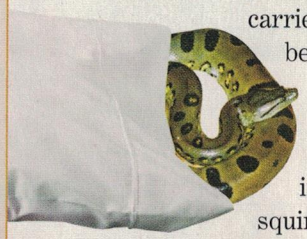
In April 2005, penguins Pete and Penny from Sea World in Texas made a special appearance in Colorado. When the birds and their handlers went to the airport to catch a flight back home to San Antonio, the airport staff insisted that the animals walk through a metal detector just like human passengers have to do. The penguins were taken out of their carrier and waddled through the machine. Since they had nothing on them except their tuxedos (and ID tags), they were cleared for takeoff.

Monkey-Business Class

Passengers on a flight from Florida to New York last year noticed something strange about a fellow flier: He had a tiny monkey hanging from his ponytail. The man had sneaked in his fist-size pet under his hat, but the primate didn't like being cooped up. The critter spent the rest of the flight sitting in its owner's hands.

Sir, Your Pillow Is Moving

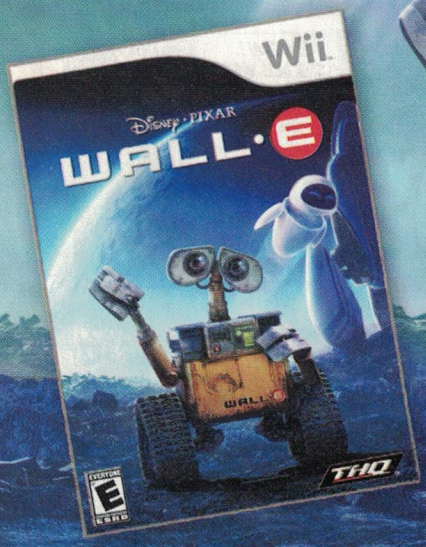
Jesus Rivas, an expert on anacondas (large snakes that can reach up to 25 feet in length), had to transport 29 baby anacondas on a flight in Venezuela in 1994. He packed the reptiles into two pillowcases and tied them shut. (The scientist says that a pillowcase is the best carrier for snakes because they can't escape from or hurt themselves in it.) The squirming siblings were then placed in an overhead compartment and under Jesus's seat. Since snakes don't like the cold temperature of an airplane, they hardly moved, and the flight went off without a bite.



"Attention, Passengers. Did Anyone Remember to Pack a Cat?"

An hour into a flight in Saudi Arabia in 2006, about 80 mice escaped from a man's carry-on bag. The rodents scampered between screaming passengers' feet, and some even fell onto people's heads. The aircraft landed safely a short time later. Authorities didn't know why the man had the furry companions or how they had squeaked past security. ❑

One small robot. One giant adventure.



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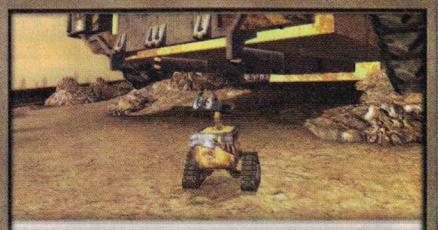
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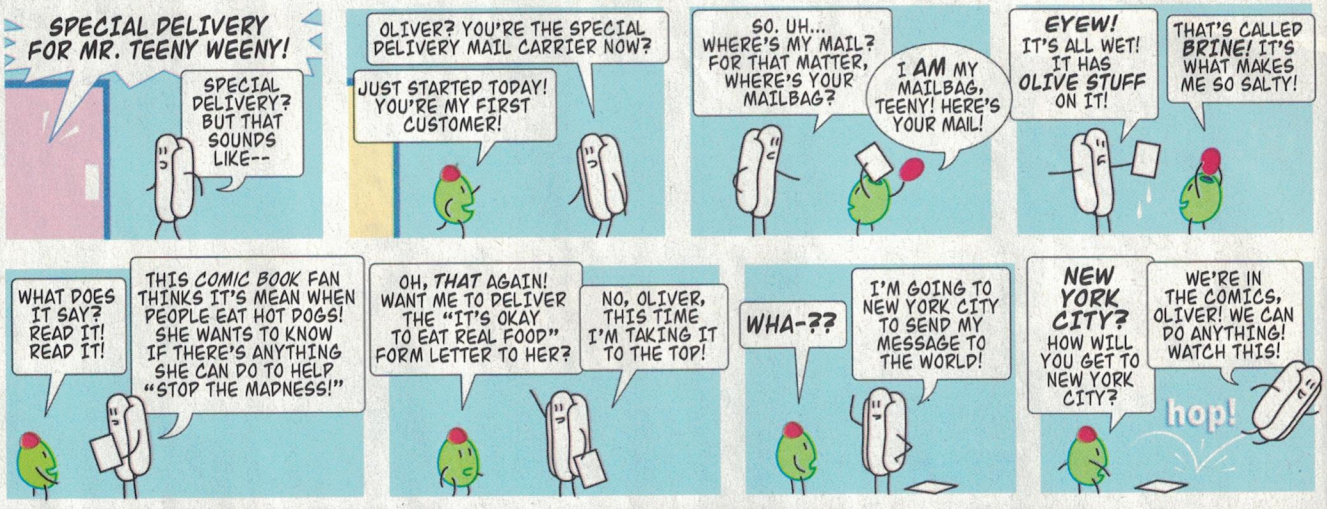
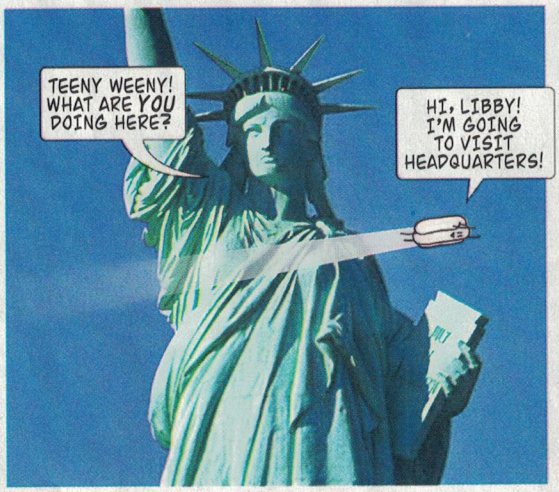
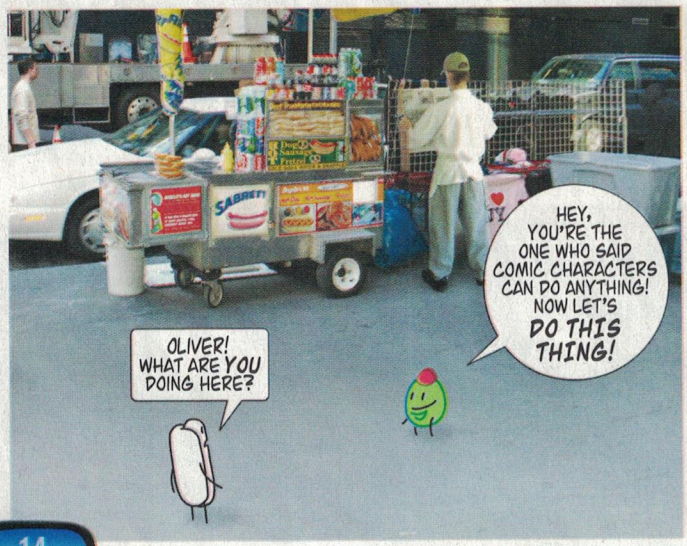
For our Summer Vacation Issue, we got a surprise visit from two of our favorite Nick Mag comics characters.

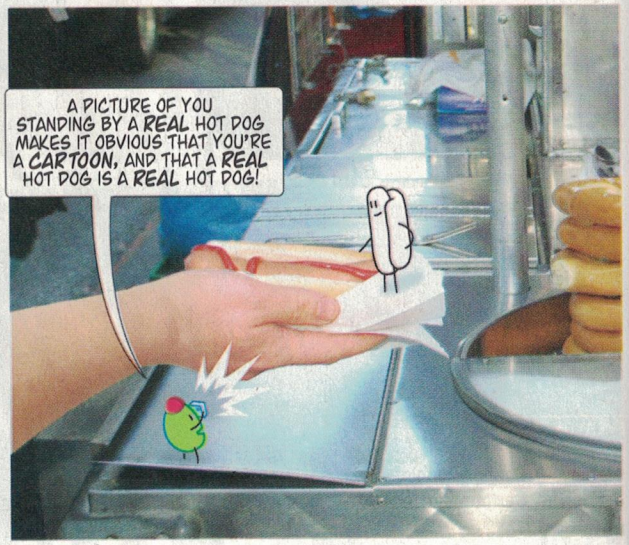
A Little Hot Dog in the Big Apple

Starring TEENY WEENY, the tiniest hot dog in the universe!

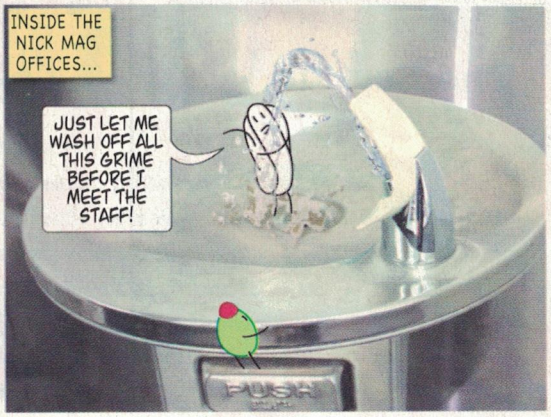




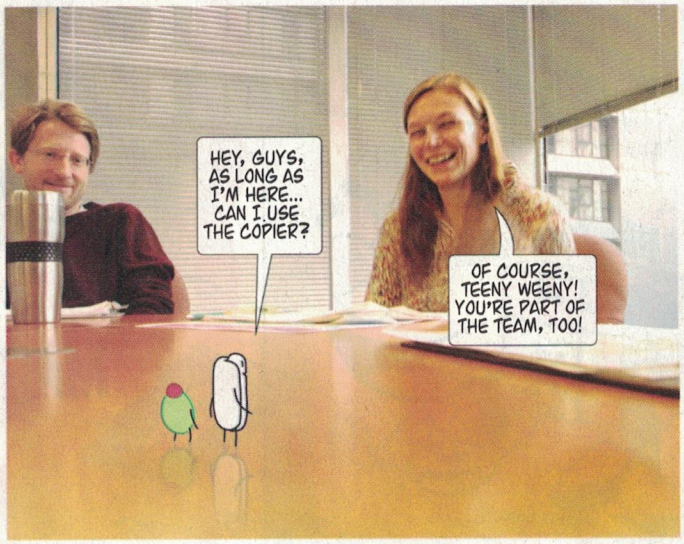


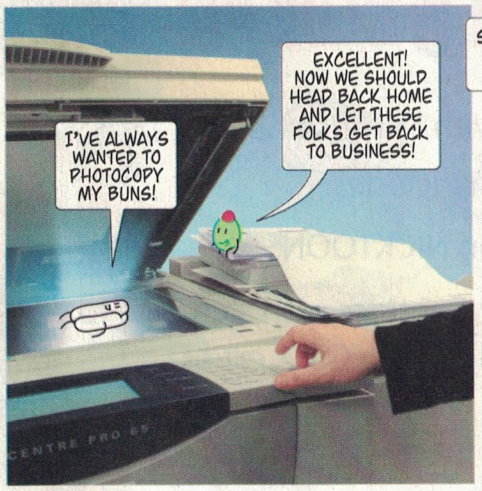


TO THE NICK MAG OFFICES! BE CAREFUL, TEENY!
I CAN DODGE ALL THESE FEET OKAY-- BUT I'M GETTING FILTHY DOWN HERE!


INSIDE THE NICK MAG OFFICES...
JUST LET ME WASH OFF ALL THIS GRIME BEFORE I MEET THE STAFF!
PUSH

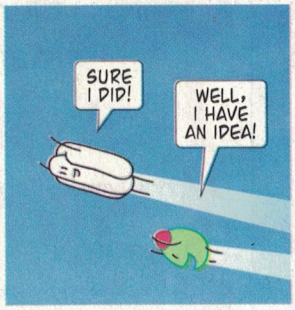
SEE, IF YOU PRINT THE PHOTO IN NICK MAG, PEOPLE WILL STOP WORRYING ABOUT EATING HOT DOGS!
AND OLIVES! IT SHOWS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN COMICS AND REAL FOOD!
SOUNDS LIKE A PLAN! CAN WE SQUEEZE IT INTO THIS ISSUE?
NO PROBLEM! WE'LL JUST DUMP THAT LOUSY ARTICLE CHRIS DUFFY WROTE!


HEY, GUYS, AS LONG AS I'M HERE... CAN I USE THE COPIER?
OF COURSE, TEENY WEENY! YOU'RE PART OF THE TEAM, TOO!


I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO PHOTOCOPY MY BUNS!
EXCELLENT! NOW WE SHOULD HEAD BACK HOME AND LET THESE FOLKS GET BACK TO BUSINESS!

SO LONG, TEENY WEENY!
BYE, OLIVER!
WE'LL SEND YOUR MESSAGE OUT INTO THE WORLD!
INTO THE UNIVERSE!
THERE GOES A GREAT WEENY!
HE'S AN INSPIRATION TO ALL!
LOOK! THEY'RE OUT ON THAT BALCONY AGAIN!
THOSE NICK MAG PEOPLE ARE NUTS! WHY CAN'T THEY ACT NORMAL??
I WONDER IF HE HAS A GIRLFRIEND...
Smell ya later!

WHERE TO NOW, FELLOWS?
OH, NOWHERE SPECIAL THIS TIME. JUST GOING HOME.
WAIT, TEENY--YOU SAID CARTOON CHARACTERS CAN DO ANYTHING, RIGHT?


SURE I DID!
WELL, I HAVE AN IDEA!

AND SO...
WELCOME TO AMERICA! COME ON IN!
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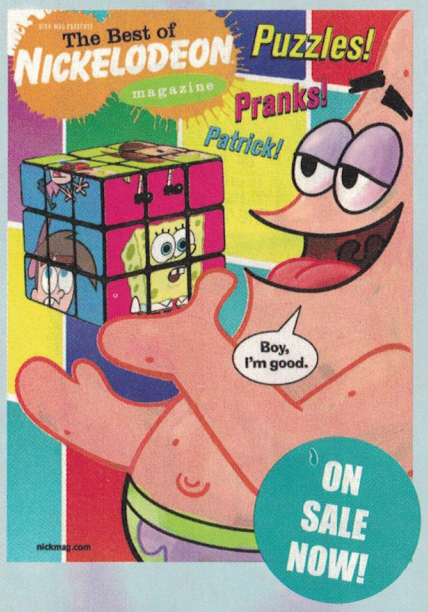

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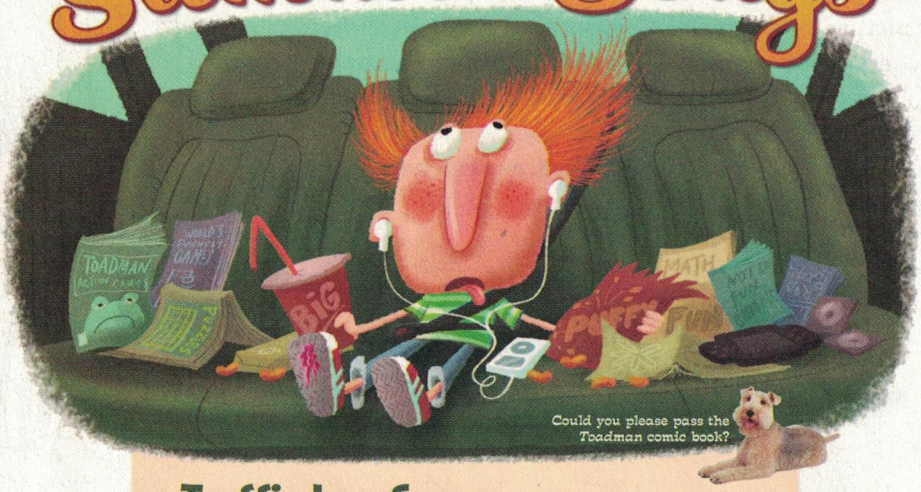
Beach Blanket Lingo

These beach blankets aren't just for lounging. Together, they make a word search puzzle. Each blanket's picture stands for one word. Create new words and phrases by combining two or three pictures in a row. For example, plus makes *roller skate*. There are a total of 20 combinations, though only the most patient beachcomber will find them all. You can read up, down, backward, forward, or diagonally.

by Robert Leighton. Answers on page 45.

ANNOYING Summer Songs

Sing these songs in the car or while in line at the amusement park.



Could you please pass the *Toadman* comic book?

Traffic Jam Song

(Sing to the tune of "She'll Be Coming 'Round the Mountain When She Comes.")

We'll be sitting here in traffic all day long.
We'll be sitting here in traffic all day long.
We should have left much earlier,
Dad's [or Mom's] face is lookin' surlier.
We'll be sitting here in traffic all day long.

Oh, I'm eating all the snacks 'cause I'm so bored.
Oh, I'm eating all the snacks 'cause I'm so bored.
Soon I'll need to stop and pee—
Hope it's not behind a tree.
Oh, I'm eating all the snacks 'cause I'm so bored.

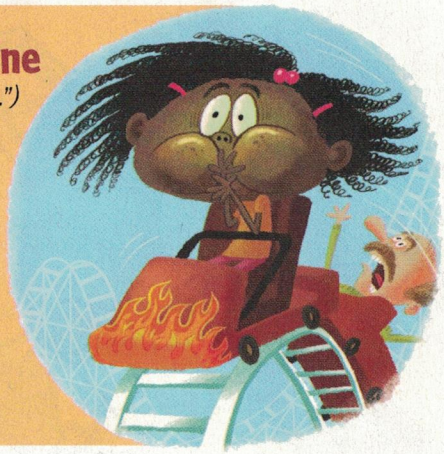
We've gone less than 20 feet in half an hour.
We've gone less than 20 feet in half an hour.
We should have stayed at home
And ignored the urge to roam.
We've gone less than 20 feet in half an hour.

The Amusement Park Line

(Sing to the tune of "Frère Jacques.")

We are waiting,
We are waiting
For our ride,
For our ride.

We put lots of dough up
So we can scream and throw up.
Wish we could
Cut in line.



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Whether you're driving across the country or just driving your family crazy this summer, you'll want to send these postcards to your friends and relatives.

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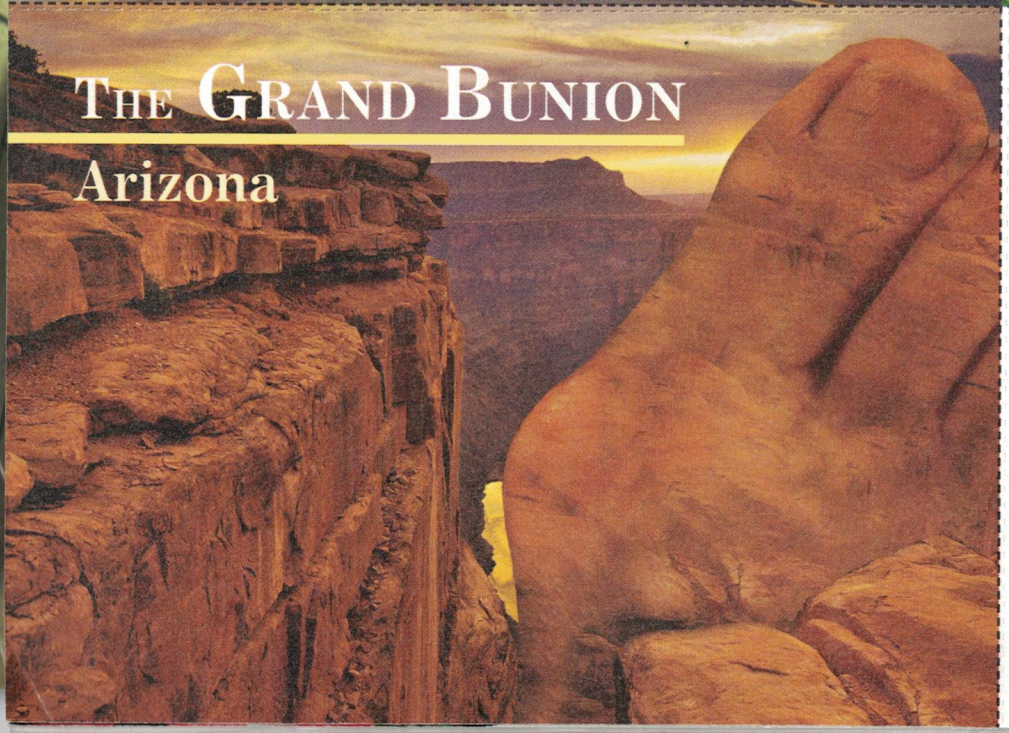

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This plot of old-growth lawn has not been cut since AD 1953. Neighbors might call it an eyesore, but naturalists consider it a botanical wonder, with more than 50 varieties of insects, weeds, lost softballs, and dog-chewed Frisbees.

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Nothing says "exciting summer trip" like sitting on the runway for two hours with 35 flights ahead of you! Travelers sit back and relax as the cabin temperature soars and the plane lurches forward 15 feet every 12 minutes.

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When it's too hot outside to walk to the car, savvy vacationers pull up a seat and crank to high cool. **BET U** wish you were here!

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Formed centuries ago by glaciers, this huge bunion rises majestically from the Earth's surface. A grand symbol of the hardy trekkers who settled the American West, it attracts millions of visitors who come to view the bony formation in all its agonizing splendor!

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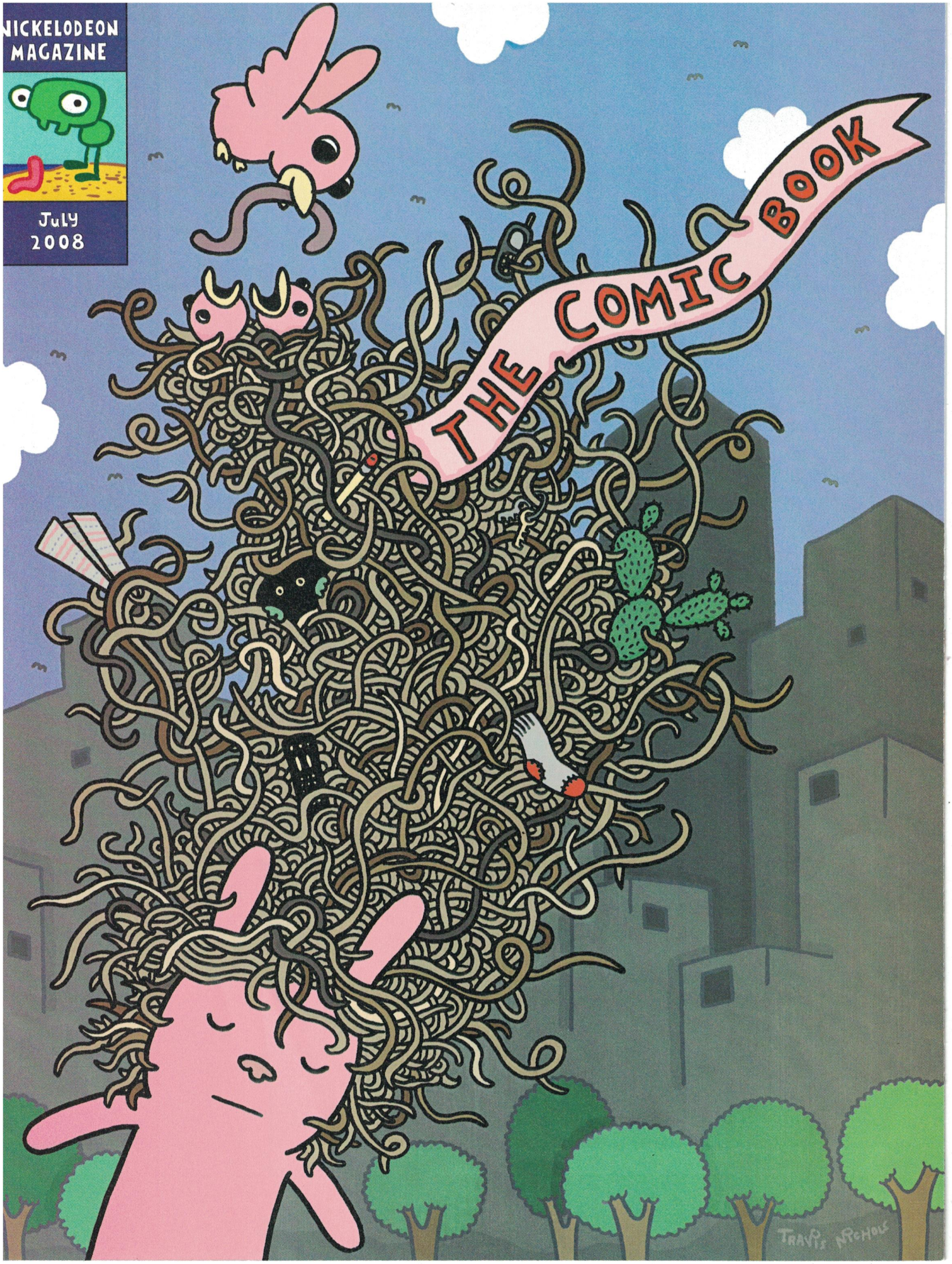
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Way-Out INNS

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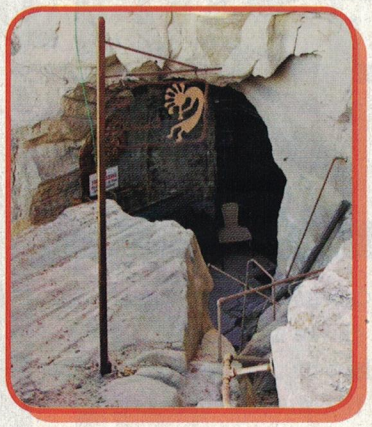
We checked into these four unusual lodgings.



KOKOPELLI'S CAVE BED & BREAKFAST

FARMINGTON, NEW MEXICO

You'll be in deep if you stay here–70 feet below the surface of a cliff, to be exact. This cave lodge, named after a Hopi deity, was originally used as a geologist's office.

What not to pack: More than one bag. It's a steep seven-story climb to and from the guest area, which sleeps up to four people.

Rooms with a view: While the rooms don't have windows, a sliding glass door leads to a balcony overlooking the cliffs.

DOG BARK PARK INN

COTTONWOOD, IDAHO

Man's best friend is also a great place to visit. At this inn, you'll eat and sleep in the world's biggest one-bedroom beagle, named Sweet Willy. There are also two futons in Sweet Willy's muzzle. (The smaller pup is Toby. He's just a show dog–he wasn't made to hold guests.)

Dog bites: Instead of mints, guests find dog-shaped cookies on their pillows.

Canine carving: The inn's owners are also artists–they use chain saws to carve dog statues out of wood.

Now *ear* this: Sweet Willy's and Toby's ears are made from carpet.

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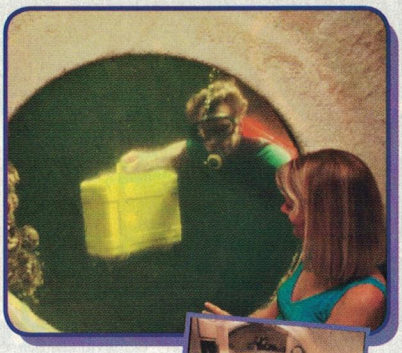
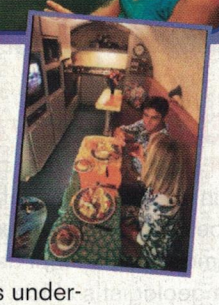
JULES' UNDERSEA LODGE

KEY LARGO, FLORIDA





You'll be swimming and sleeping with the fish if you stay in this underwater inn that used to be a research lab.

What to pack: Scuba gear. You'll have to dive 21 feet to reach the lodge. You enter through a pool area in the floor of the building. It leads to a chamber filled with compressed air.

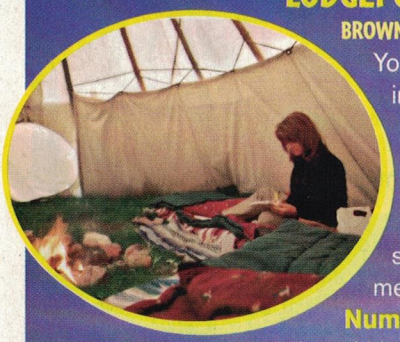
What not to pack: Anything too big to fit into the waterproof suitcases that are used to transport your belongings.

On the menu: The hotel's "mer-chef" dives down to cook guests' meals. You can even have a pizza delivered.

Personal space: With a grand total of two bedrooms, this undersea lodge can accommodate two couples or a family of up to six.

LODGEPOLE GALLERY & TIPI VILLAGE

BROWNING, MONTANA

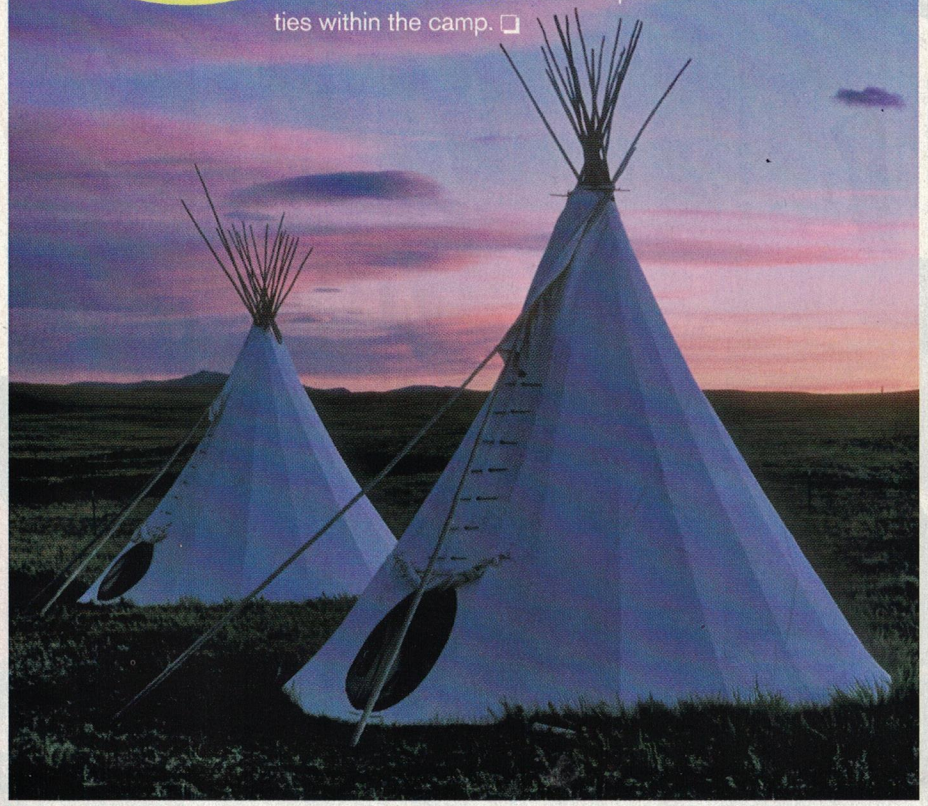


You can stay in traditionally styled canvas tipis in the territory of the Blackfeet tribe.

What to pack: A sleeping bag. Visitors get their *zzz*'s sleeping on a mat on the ground.

On the menu: Anasazi beans (sweet red and white beans), acorn squash, and Saskatoon soup, which is made mainly from berries. The menu also includes buffalo, deer, and elk.

Number 1 fact: There are portable bathroom facilities within the camp. ❑



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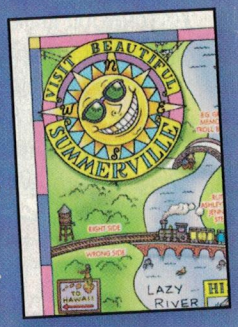
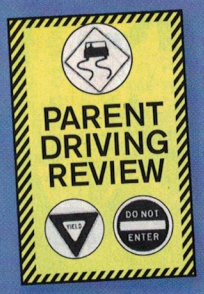
PRANK TRAVEL KIT

Carefully cut out the pranks on the next page and bring them on car trips this summer to entertain—and torture—your fellow passengers.

Give the fake **TOURIST MAP** to your parents and tell them you want to stop and take a tour of Summerville, Tourist City USA.





Let your parents know just what you think about their skills behind the wheel with this **DRIVING REPORT.**

Have friends and family help you fill in this **REVIEW OF A BATHROOM,** which hopefully describes a restroom that is worse than any you will ever use.

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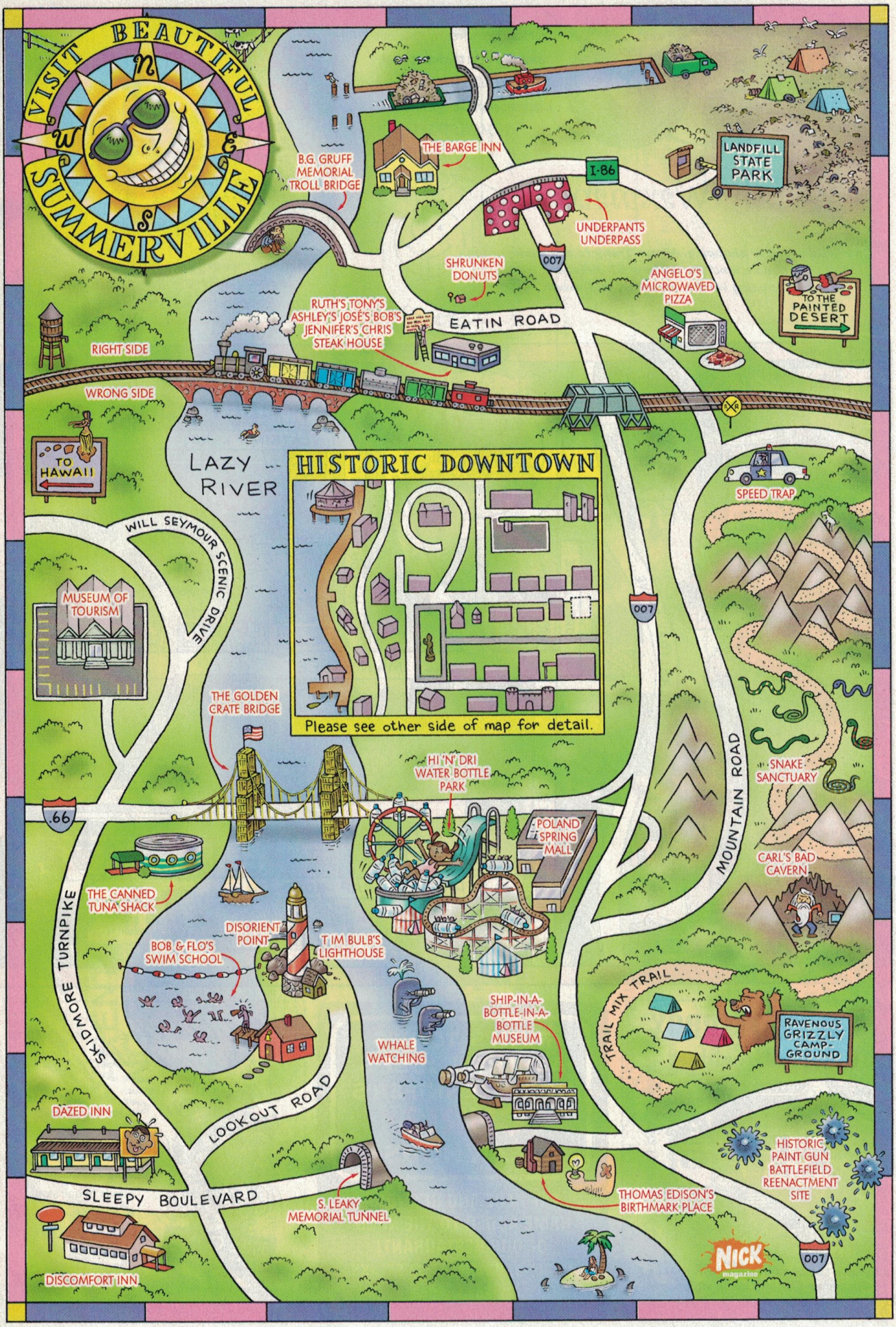

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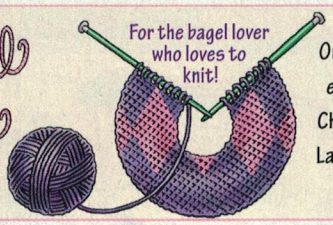

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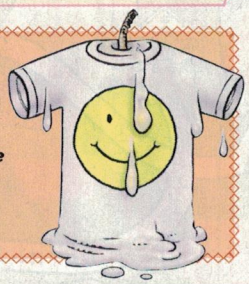
Wendy Waxman's Candle T-Shirt Shoppe



One-stop souvenir shopping. All our T-shirts are made of 100% candle wax! We feature 50 different scents, including vanilla, lavender, and sweat.
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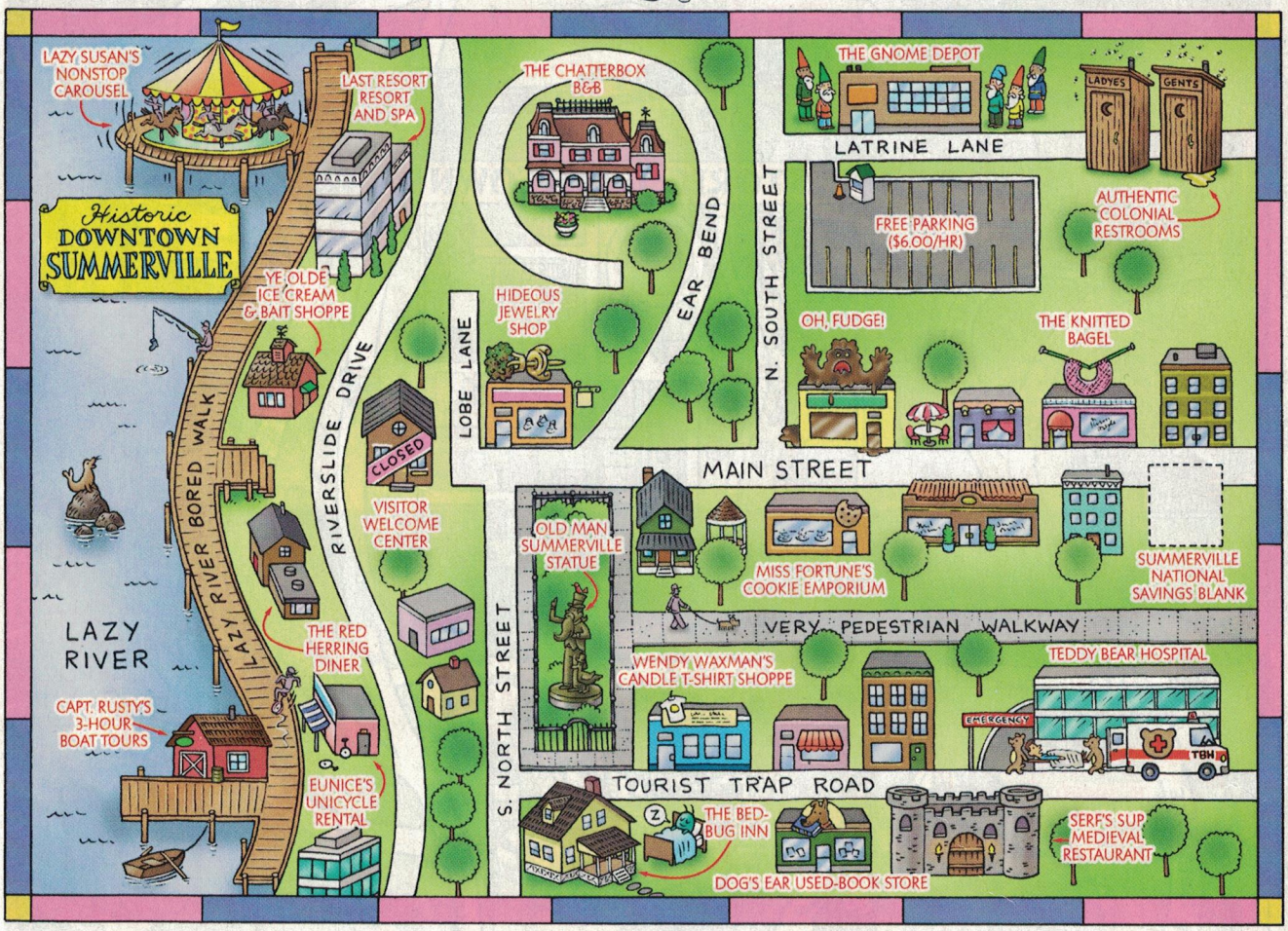

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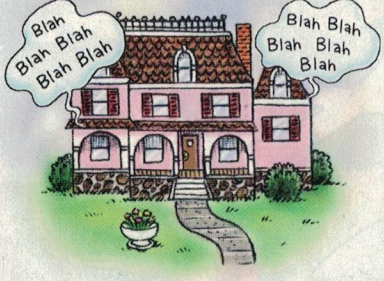

"Where the conversation never stops." Six rooms and two hosts who never stop talking! 15 Ear Bend

RUTH'S TONY'S ASHLEY'S JOSÉ'S BOB'S JENNIFER'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE

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EAT HERE AND GET YOUR NAME ADDED TO THE NAME OF OUR RESTAURANT!
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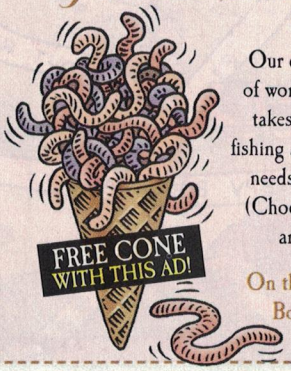
Ye Olde Ice Cream & Bait Shoppe



Our double scoop of worms on a cone takes care of your fishing *and* frozen treat needs in one stop! (Chocolate-covered ants extra.)

On the Lazy River Bored Walk

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Driving Review Card: The next time you are on the road with your parents, fill out this report to rate their driving. In the comments section, check one bold phrase from each group.

PARENT DRIVING REVIEW

Dear Parent,
Recently, I had the
❑ **thrilling** ❑ **mind-numbing** ❑ **hair-raising**
experience of driving with you, and I was so
❑ **excited** ❑ **appalled** ❑ **frightened**
that I wanted to inform you immediately of your performance.

GENERAL DRIVING SKILLS (circle one):

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

COMMENTS: Upon entering the car, I immediately
❑ **relaxed.** ❑ **found something solid to grab onto.**
❑ **attempted to escape through the sunroof.**
At times, I felt
❑ **comfortable enough to nap.** ❑ **like calling 911.**
❑ **as if I were in a car chase scene from a movie.**
Getting out of the car was
❑ **a bummer.** ❑ **a surprise.** ❑ **a miracle.**

CAR CONDITION (circle one):

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

COMMENTS: Stepping into the car, I noticed
❑ **a pleasant berry scent.** ❑ **a sweaty baboon odor.**
❑ **the stench of an old burrito.**
The area near my feet
❑ **had ample legroom.** ❑ **was a cushion of garbage.**
❑ **was so sticky that I lost a shoe.**

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Fill-In Restroom Review The next time you're on a long car trip, ask friends or family members to give you the missing words to this restroom review. Then, when you are about to make a pit stop, read it out loud to everyone in the car.

RESTROOM REVIEW

This is a restroom review from the good people at Royal _____ (noun) Travel Guides. Our team of _____ (large number) reviewers visits every restroom from _____ (name of state) to _____ (name of foreign country) so that you'll know which ones to avoid and which ones to look forward to!

Overview

Our reviewer's trip to this _____ (adjective) bathroom, which smelled like a _____ (large number)-year-old bag of _____ (type of fish), made him so _____ (adjective) that he cried on his _____ (piece of clothing). Then, he immediately needed to scrub his _____ (body part) with _____ (cleaning product).

Best Features

In some spots, the floors were so clean that you could eat _____ (food) off of them—though we don't suggest it! When flushed, the toilets sounded like _____ (famous musician). Also, the stalls were fully stocked with _____ (plural noun).

(turn over)

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RESTROOM REVIEW (continued)

Worst Features

The whole place looked as though it had been dipped in _____ (smelly liquid), and the sink was clogged with _____ (disgusting substance). Also, one of the toilets had a family of _____ (insects) _____ (-ing verb) in it. None of the stall locks worked, forcing our reviewer to imitate a wounded _____ (wild animal) to indicate that the stall was occupied.

Recommendations

If you plan to use this bathroom, be sure to bring your own _____ (cleaning product) and an extra _____ (piece of clothing), as yours will surely be ruined. You should also wrap your _____ (body part) in garbage bags and plug your nostrils with _____ (vegetables) for extra protection. If possible, we suggest that you visit a different restroom, even if that means walking _____ (large number) miles.

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Driving Review Card: The next time you are on the road with your parents, fill out this report to rate their driving. In the comments section, check one bold phrase from each group.

PARENT DRIVING REVIEW (continued)

DO NOT ENTER

CAR ENTERTAINMENT (circle one):

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

COMMENTS: The entertainment during the drive consisted of
❑ **sing-alongs to the radio.** ❑ **dull family discussions.**
❑ **enforced silence.**
As a result, I was
❑ **pleased.** ❑ **bored.** ❑ **driven to tears.**

NAVIGATIONAL SKILLS (circle one):

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

COMMENTS: The driver generally
❑ **found his or her destination.** ❑ **took the scenic route.**
❑ **needed a police rescue.**
After a wrong turn, the driver would
❑ **ask for directions.** ❑ **keep driving, only faster.**
❑ **burst into tears.**
My feeling is that this driver
❑ **deserves an award.** ❑ **should only take cabs.**
❑ **will be getting a GPS as a birthday gift.**

OVERALL RATING (circle one):

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

COMMENTS: Overall, the mood was
❑ **cheerful.** ❑ **nerve-racking.** ❑ **horrifying.**
I'd give the ride a
❑ **G for Great.** ❑ **B for Boring.** ❑ **TD for Thumbs Down.**
I will always
❑ **cherish this trip.** ❑ **be haunted by the memories.**
❑ **warn people to not ride with this driver.**

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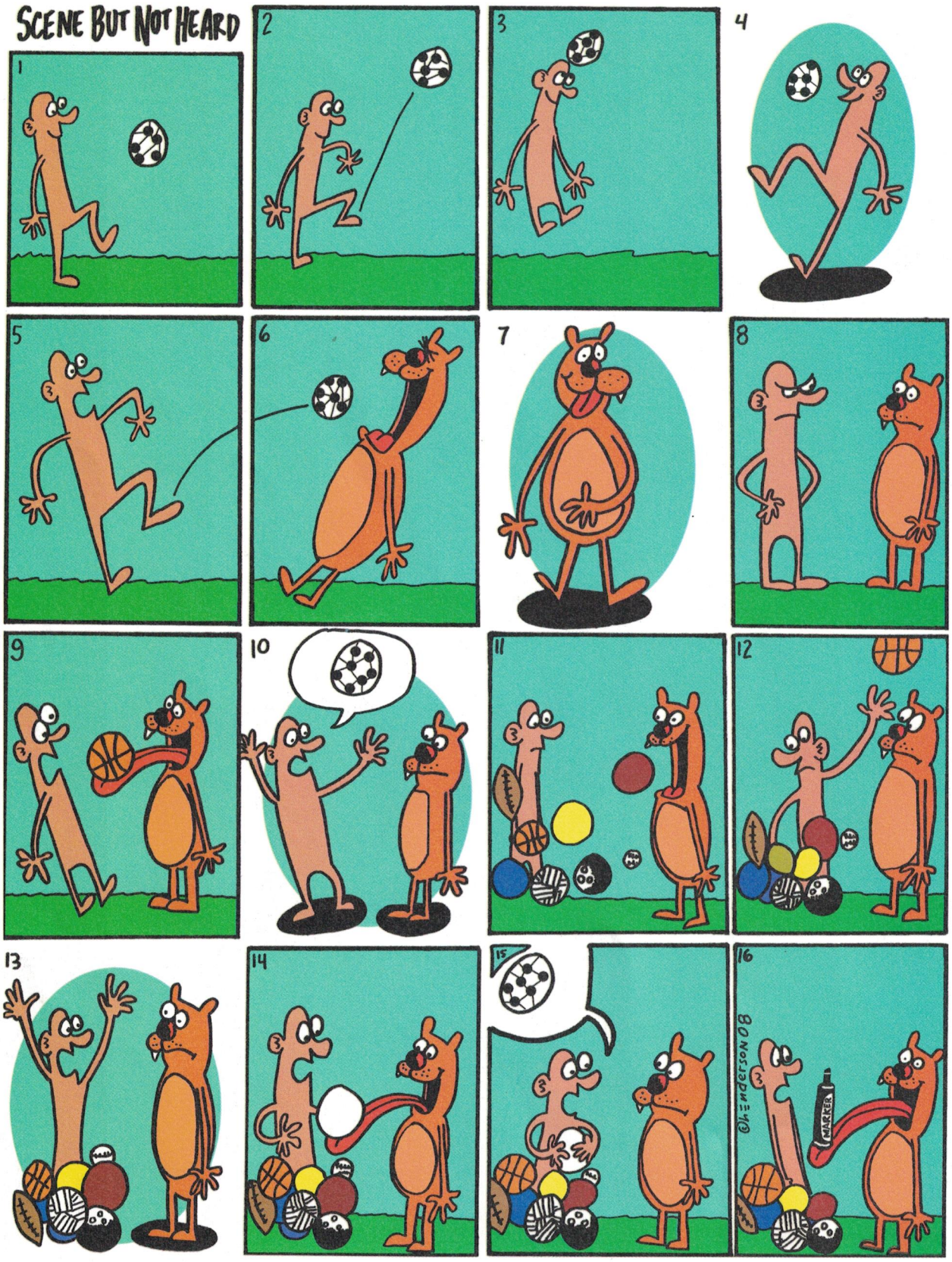
SCENE BUT NOT HEARD



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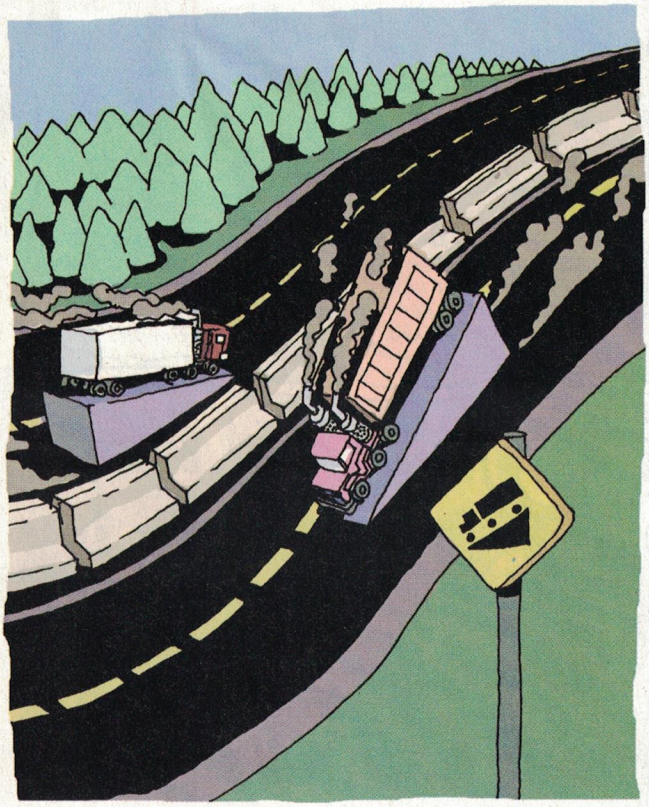
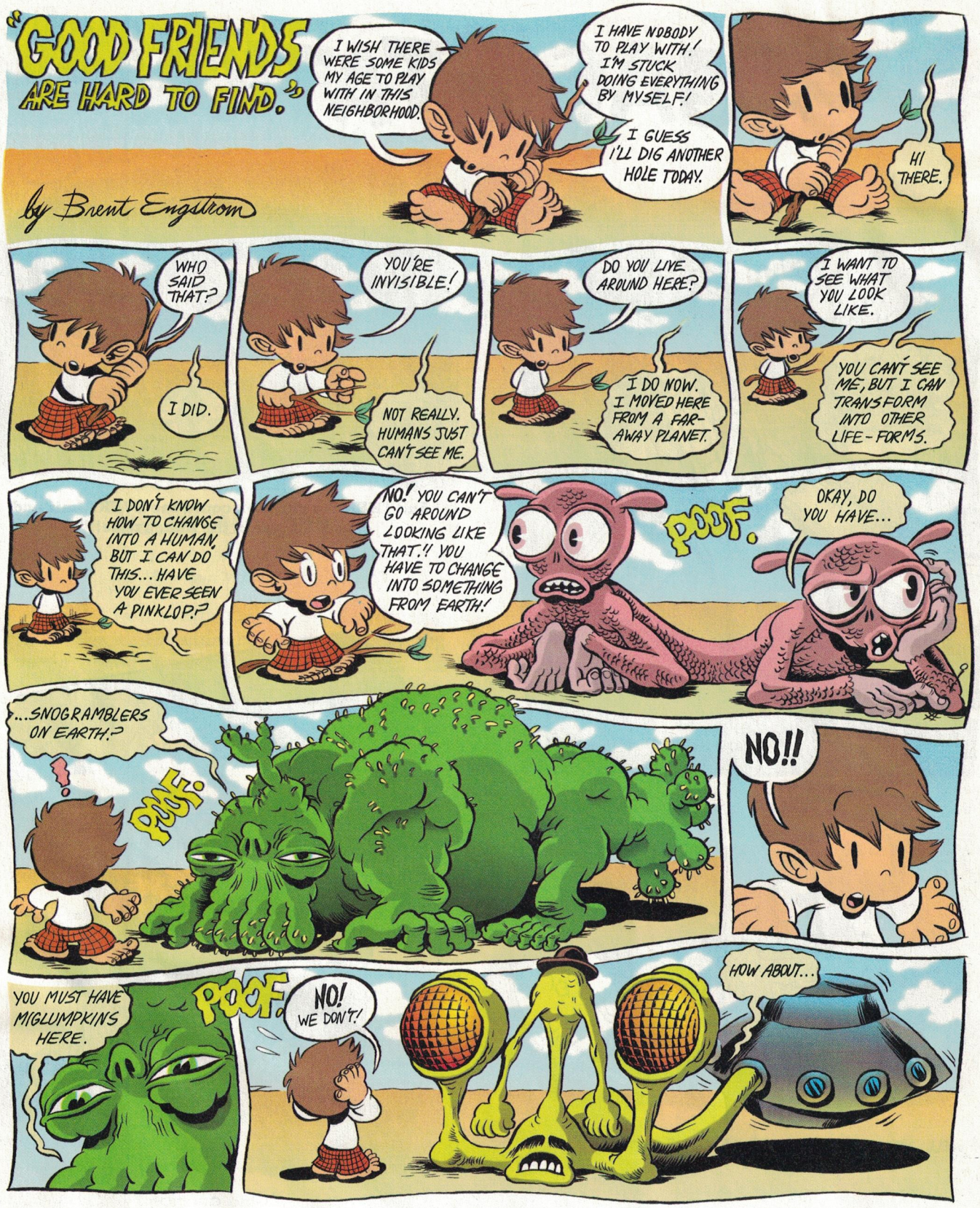


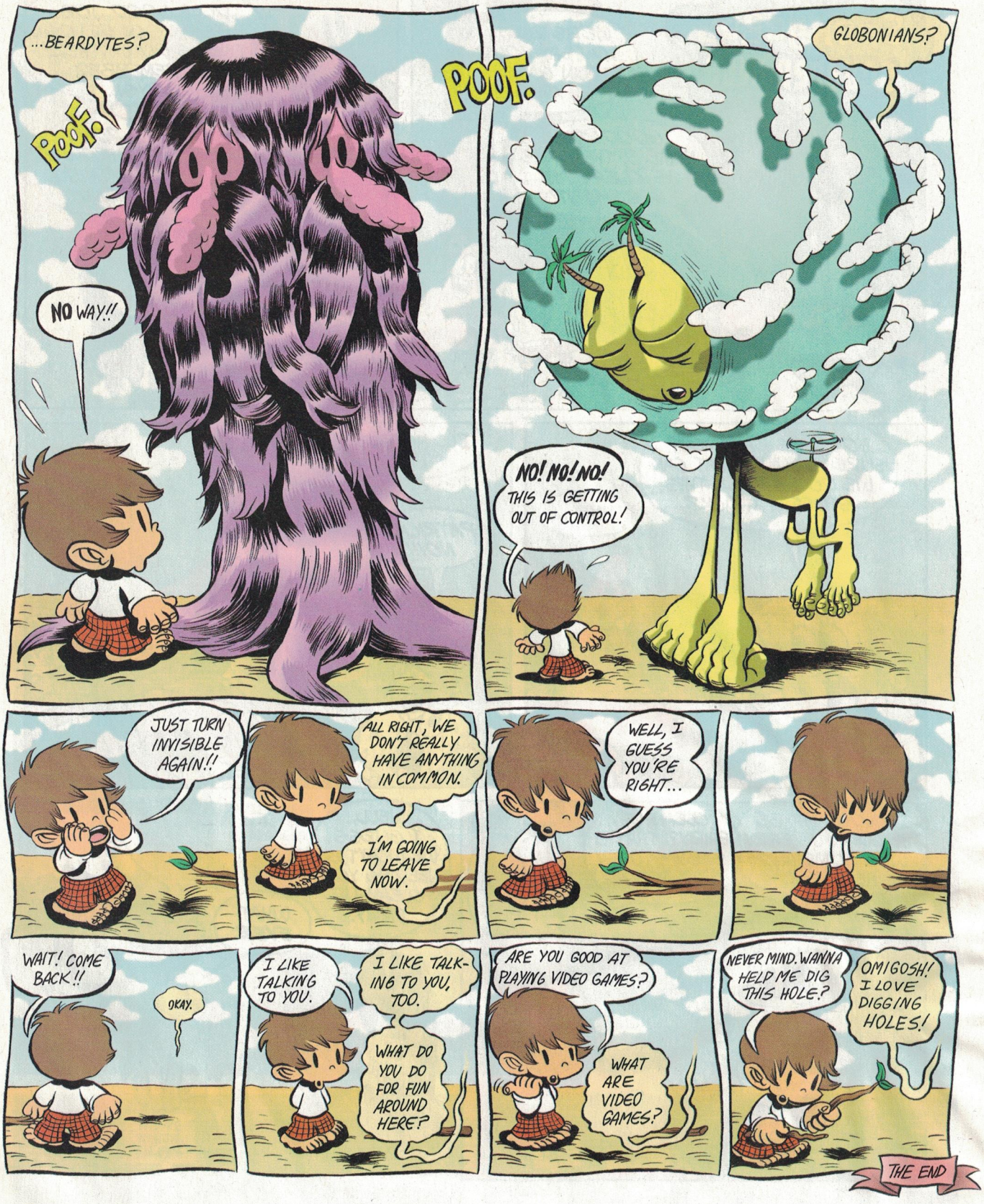
"And THEN the children could see EVERY hair and crusty booger in the man's nose!!"

"WELL, IT'S NOT LIKE WE'D EVER ROAST **YOU**, CONRAD."

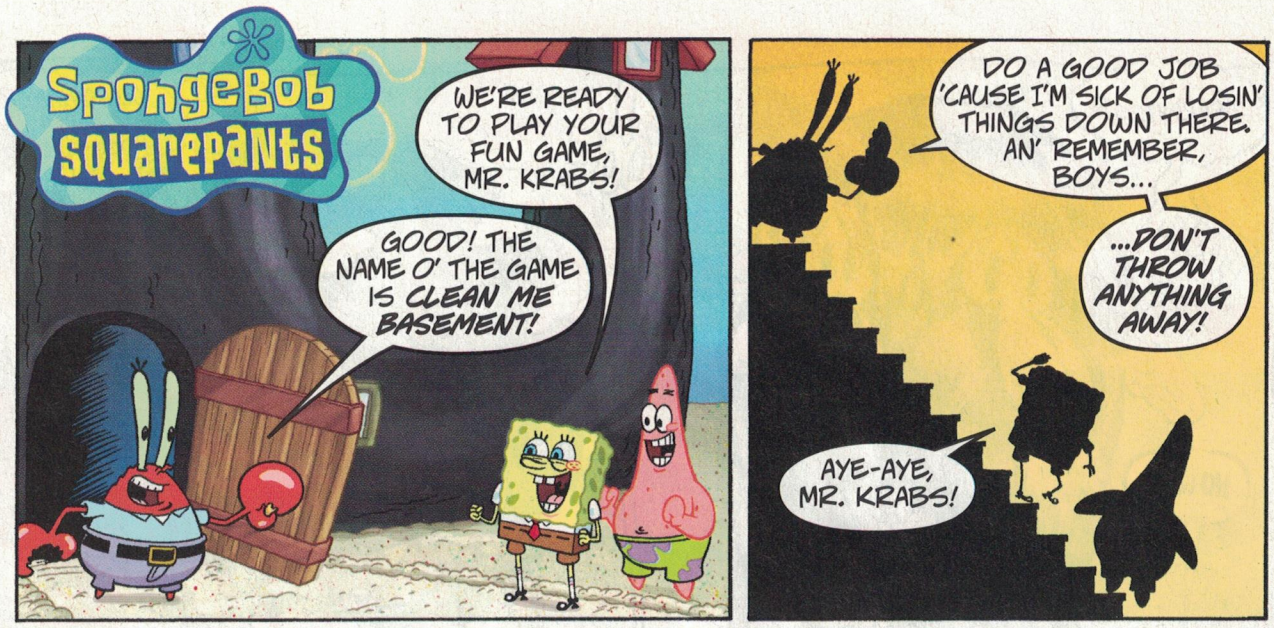
"One carrion."

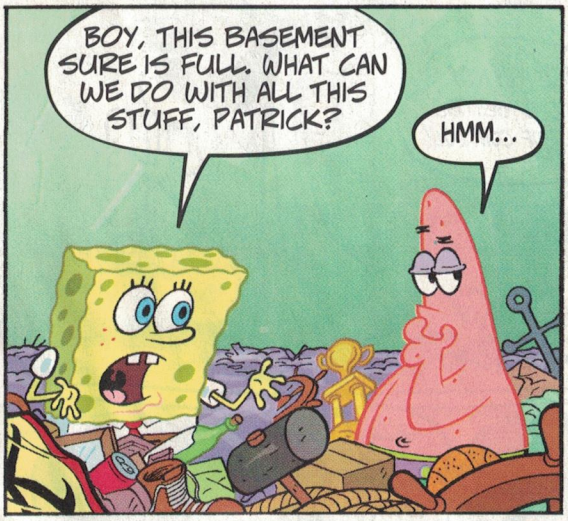

"GOOD FRIENDS ARE HARD TO FIND."
by Brent Engstrom
I WISH THERE WERE SOME KIDS MY AGE TO PLAY WITH IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD.
I HAVE NOBODY TO PLAY WITH! I'M STUCK DOING EVERYTHING BY MYSELF!
I GUESS I'LL DIG ANOTHER HOLE TODAY.
HI THERE.
WHO SAID THAT?
I DID.
YOU'RE INVISIBLE!
NOT REALLY. HUMANS JUST CAN'T SEE ME.
DO YOU LIVE AROUND HERE?
I DO NOW. I MOVED HERE FROM A FAR-AWAY PLANET.
I WANT TO SEE WHAT YOU LOOK LIKE.
YOU CAN'T SEE ME, BUT I CAN TRANSFORM INTO OTHER LIFE-FORMS.
I DON'T KNOW HOW TO CHANGE INTO A HUMAN, BUT I CAN DO THIS... HAVE YOU EVER SEEN A PINKLOP?
NO! YOU CAN'T GO AROUND LOOKING LIKE THAT!! YOU HAVE TO CHANGE INTO SOMETHING FROM EARTH!
POOF.
OKAY, DO YOU HAVE...
...SNOGRAMBLERS ON EARTH?
POOF.
NO!!
YOU MUST HAVE MIGLUMPKINS HERE.
POOF.
NO! WE DON'T!
HOW ABOUT...

WHERE'S THE FUNNY?
Knock, knock.
Sigh. Who's there?
Where?


...BEARDYTES?
POOF.
NO WAY!!
POOF.
GLOBONIANS?
NO! NO! NO! THIS IS GETTING OUT OF CONTROL!
JUST TURN INVISIBLE AGAIN!!
ALL RIGHT, WE DON'T REALLY HAVE ANYTHING IN COMMON.
I'M GOING TO LEAVE NOW.
WELL, I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT...
WAIT! COME BACK!!
OKAY.
I LIKE TALKING TO YOU.
I LIKE TALKING TO YOU, TOO.
WHAT DO YOU DO FOR FUN AROUND HERE?
ARE YOU GOOD AT PLAYING VIDEO GAMES?
WHAT ARE VIDEO GAMES?
NEVER MIND. WANNA HELP ME DIG THIS HOLE?
OMIGOSH! I LOVE DIGGING HOLES!
THE END

JUST DUCKY
Two plus two equals duck.
What!? No, it doesn't! Two plus two equals four!
Me guess you never heard of "duck math."

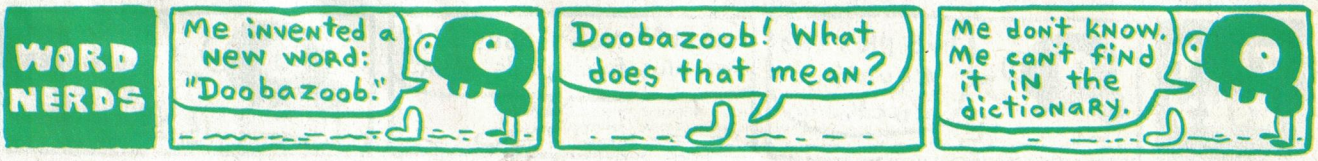

SpongeBob SquarePants
WE'RE READY TO PLAY YOUR FUN GAME, MR. KRABS!
GOOD! THE NAME O' THE GAME IS CLEAN ME BASEMENT!
DO A GOOD JOB 'CAUSE I'M SICK OF LOSIN' THINGS DOWN THERE. AN' REMEMBER, BOYS...
...DON'T THROW ANYTHING AWAY!
AYE-AYE, MR. KRABS!


BOY, THIS BASEMENT SURE IS FULL. WHAT CAN WE DO WITH ALL THIS STUFF, PATRICK?
HMM...

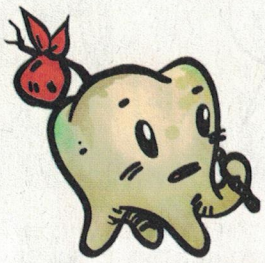
I'LL HANDLE THIS!
PATRICK, NO!!!

I KNOW! MAYBE THE CLEAN-UP FAIRY WILL COME AND HELP US!
CLEAN-UP FAIRY? THAT'S BABY STUFF, SPONGEBOB.

WELL, I GUESS WE WON'T BE NEEDING YOU, CLEAN-UP FAIRY.
WHAT-EVER.


WORD NERDS
Me invented a new word: "Doobazoob."
Doobazoob! What does that mean?
Me don't know. Me can't find it in the dictionary.

Story: David Lewman. Pencils: Gregg Schigiel. Inks: Jeff Albrecht. Color: Wes Dzioba. Lettering: Comicraft. *SpongeBob SquarePants* created by Stephen Hillenburg.



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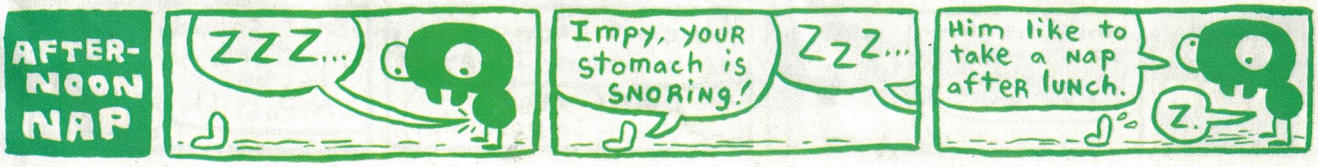
Corey Barba



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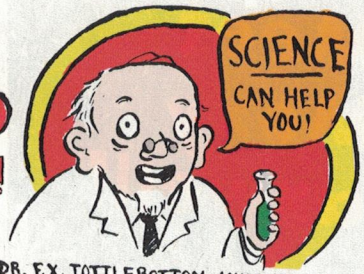
THE Whirlybird 3000 is here!



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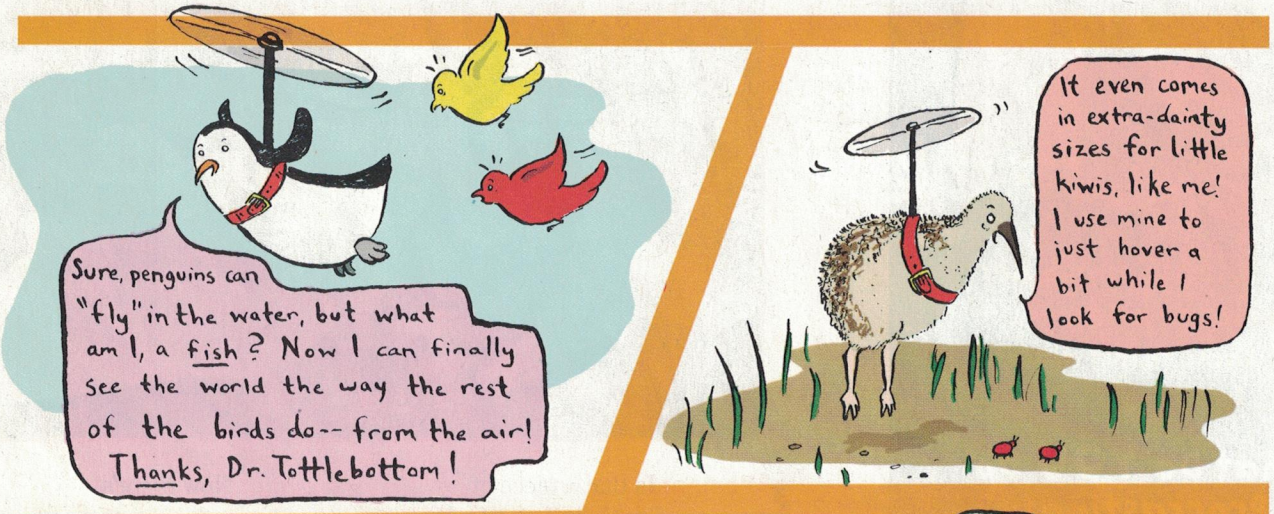

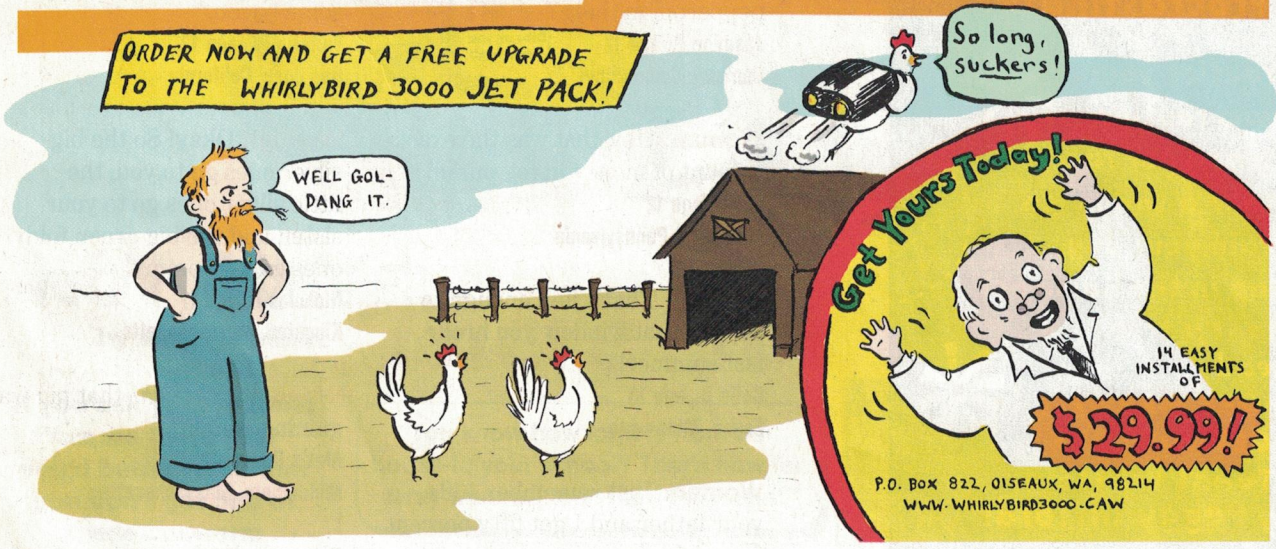

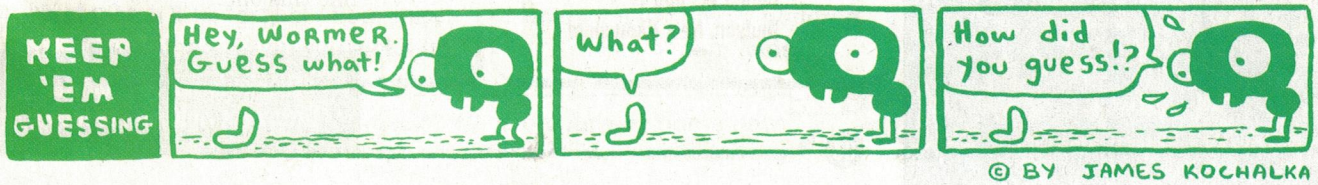

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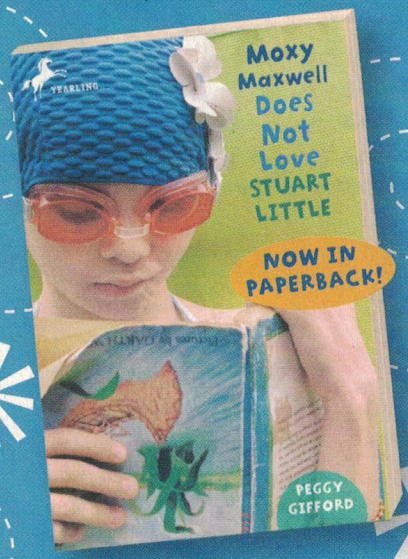

She tries to finish her summer reading—but something always gets in the way. . . .

What Do YOU Do to Procrastinate?

- ☐ Practice your swim routine
- ☐ Clean your room
- ☐ Make a sandwich
- ☐ Train your dog
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Say What? Winners

from the March issue

Woman: Is that a piece of pepperoni in there?
Jasmine P., age 12
Danbury, Connecticut

Dibs on the pepperoni!

Woman: Hey, that was the exact amount of money in my purse!
Ian N., age 12
Allentown, Pennsylvania

Woman: That's just enough to pay for that window you broke last summer!*
Catie D., age 13
Eagan, Minnesota

Woman: Just remember, kids, your father and I get fifty percent for raising you.
Daniel W., age 11
Hudson, New Hampshire

Woman: Now *there's* some bacon.*
Victoria W., age 12
San Jose, California

Woman: Okay! So the big silver ones go to you, the little silver ones go to your sister, and the big green foldy ones go to Mommy!
Nicholas P., age 11
Kingston, Massachusetts

Woman: I *thought* that pig was gaining weight!
Alexis R., age 12
Middleboro, Massachusetts

*We received a number of entries like this one.

Thanks for all your entries. They were right on the money.

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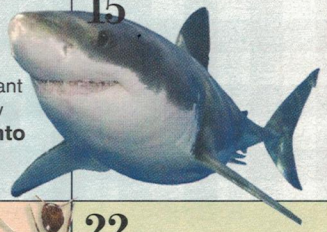
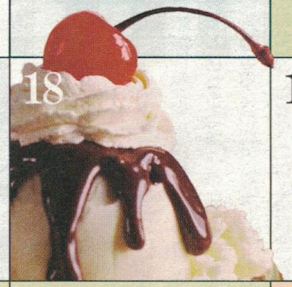
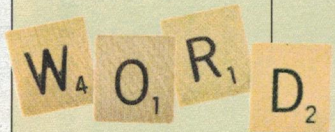
JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Real		**1** The U.S. Congress establishes the Bureau of Internal Revenue, 1862 **Don't mess with *Taxes*.**	**2** Ashley Tisdale, actress, born, 1985 **Today must be Ashley Wednesday.**	**3**	**4** *Ant It the Truth #1* There are about 20,000 species of ants in the world. INDEPENDENCE DAY	**5** Independence Day in Venezuela **Play the maracas in Caracas.**
6 Geoffrey Rush, actor, born, 1951 **Rush him some cake.**	**7**	**8** *Ant It the Truth #2* Ants communicate by touching one another with their antennae.	**9** Elias Howe, American inventor of the sewing machine, born, 1867 ***Sew* what?**	**10** Turkey Rama in McMinnville, Oregon, begins **People will flock to this.**	**11** The U.S. Air Force Academy opens, 1955 **Talk about higher education!**	**12** The first Etch A Sketch goes on sale, 1960 **Kids gave it a fair shake.**
13 *Ant It the Truth #3* Ants can carry things that are 10 to 20 times heavier than their body weight.	**14** Shark Awareness Day in Point Pleasant Beach, New Jersey **Sink your jaws into this one.**	**15** 	**16** Orville Redenbacher, popcorn entrepreneur, born, 1907 **Did he butter up his parents?**	**17** The first pie-in-the-face routine in a movie is shown, 1913 **The actors got creamed.**	**18** 	**19** New Jersey State Ice Cream Festival in Toms River, New Jersey **Shouldn't this be on *Sundae*?**
20 A swarm of at least 12 trillion locusts flies over Nebraska, 1874 **This gives us a *swarm* and *buzzy* feeling.**	**21** *Ant It the Truth #4* Ants from the same colony smell alike. This is how intruders are recognized.	**22** Alex Trebek, host of *Jeopardy!*, born, 1940 **He has all the answers.**	**23** The first high-definition digital television broadcast is aired, 1996 **You're looking sharp today!**	**24** 	**25** National Scrabble Championship in Orlando, Florida, begins **Mind your *P*'s and *Q*'s.**	**26** *Ant It the Truth #5* Ants have a second stomach, which stores food to be shared with other ants.
27 Maya Rudolph, actress, born, 1972 **Oh, *Maya* goodness!**	**28**	**29** NASA is established by President Dwight Eisenhower, 1958 **He deserves a space in history for this.**	**30** Michael Phelps, Olympic swimmer, born, 1985 **Will he have a pool party?**	**31** *Ant It the Truth #6* A Mexican delicacy called *escamoles* is made from ant eggs and can cost up to $40 per pound.	NICK magazine	

Fu Fighter!

In *Kung Fu Panda,* Jack Black plays Po, a clumsy panda who works in his father's noodle shop and dreams of becoming a kung fu fighter. His wishes become reality when he is chosen to join the Furious Five, the greatest kung fu warriors the world has ever known. Jack talked to us about his favorite Chinese food and his personal fighting style.

Real

NICKELODEON MAGAZINE: How did you prepare for your role as Po?
JACK BLACK: I went to China and I ate only bamboo for a week. [*laughs*] It did not help me with my performance at all. In fact, I had to take a month of recuperation to get back in shape enough to do the movie.

Did you try to mimic a real panda for the role, or is it all Jack?
It's all Jack. I'm kinda looking like a panda right now, though. My beard is fully grown and there are some gray patches coming in, so I've got a white-and-black, very panda-looking beard.

Did you record Po's voice in the same room with the other actors?
It was mostly separate, but I did have some quality recording time with Dustin Hoffman [who plays Shifu, Po's kung fu teacher]. We shared the studio one time to get a special teacher-student relationship going. He's always been a hero of mine.

MINI MASTER: Shifu uses dumplings to teach Po.

Do you have a favorite scene?
I love the chopstick fight with Shifu when he's teaching me the ways of kung fu with chopsticks.

How are your chopstick skills?
My chopstick skills are strong. I would describe myself as an expert. I'm good enough that I could probably eat soup with them.

Po is motivated by food. What food motivates you?
My favorite Scooby snack, if you will, is a cheeseburger. It's the perfect food. I like it cooked medium with all of the sauces. I like pretty much any sauce you can put on a burger.

> "I haven't been in a fight since I was in third grade. I'm a cuddler, not a fighter."

Do you have a favorite Chinese food?
I love crispy beef. There's a picture of me on the wall of my favorite Chinese restaurant in Los Angeles because I've eaten there so many times.

Who is your favorite member of the Furious Five?
Mantis. He's so tiny and he says the funniest little things. Just the fact that an insect could be a fierce warrior and totally kick butt on people that are a hundred times his size—that alone makes me say Mantis.

Mantis

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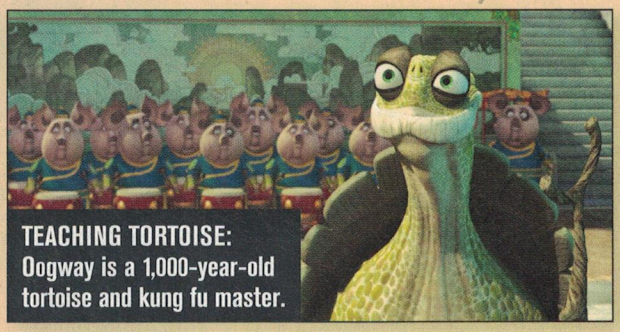
Describe Po's fighting style.
I would describe it as big, soft, and bouncy, which doesn't sound very threatening, but that's why it's so brilliant. You don't expect that to be the face of your doom.

What is your own personal fighting style?
I like to get on my opponent's back and ride him or her piggyback style. One other thing I'd like to say about my fighting style: Be careful. I may put you in the scissors squeeze. That's basically where I wrap my legs around you, and then squeeze like an anaconda. I don't know if it's even possible to escape.



TEACHING TORTOISE: Oogway is a 1,000-year-old tortoise and kung fu master.

Do the members of the Furious Five have more advanced fighting styles than you do?
Unfortunately, yes. Right now, at my current level of kung fu mastership, I would not stand a chance. But if they wanted to step into my realm, if it was like comedy rock acting versus kung fu, that would be an interesting battle.

Are you really that much of a fighter?
I haven't been in a fight since I was in third grade, and even then they started it. I'm a cuddler, not a fighter.

You worked with a big ape in *King Kong,* and you play a panda in this movie. What's the next large mammal that you want to work with?
Giraffes. I like their long necks. They are the animals most likely to have come from another planet.

Do you have any weaknesses?
I'm ticklish around the rib cage. I'm also pretty claustrophobic. If you tried to wrestle me in an elevator, you'd win. ❑

Tai Lung, the villain

The Fast and the Furious Five

Kung fu is a Chinese martial art in which some of the fighting styles are based on the movements of animals. *Kung Fu Panda*'s animators were inspired by these fighting styles when they created the great warriors called the Furious Five. For research, the animators watched classic kung fu movies once a week and participated in kung fu workshops. Here's how the creators used what they learned:

My breath can be used as a weapon.

Now Playing

Movies are often turned into video games. Here are two new games that feature more than what is shown on the silver screen.

Real

LEGO INDIANA JONES: THE ORIGINAL ADVENTURES

For PS2, PS3, Xbox 360, Wii, DS, PSP, and PC

What it is: A game based on the first three *Indiana Jones* movies: *Raiders of the Lost Ark, The Temple of Doom,* and *The Last Crusade.*

What's Different From the Movies

Bricks and stones: Everyone and almost everything in the game is made out of Legos, including Indy, the plant, and the runaway boulder in this scene (*above*). Indiana won't battle Lego Nazis, however. His enemies are generic bad guys.

Whip something up: Indy's whip in the game acts more like a Swiss Army knife than a long strip of leather. He can use it to stun enemies, grab items, pull switches—and even draw his female companions toward him for a quick smooch.

Poop scoop: Keep an eye on the animals' backsides. They release Lego studs, which you should scoop up because they can come in handy.

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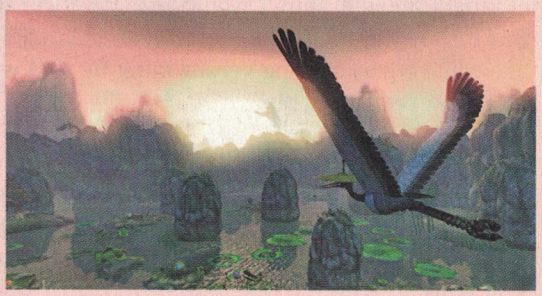
What it is: A game based on the movie *Kung Fu Panda.*

What's Different From the Movie

***Gorilla* warfare:** The game sends Po extra baddies that aren't found in the movie, such as the Great Gorilla (*above*). A long time ago, after a battle with Masters Shifu and Oogway, the Gorillas moved away. Now, this blue upstart returns with an army to get the jade, other gems, and gold in Po's homeland.



Do your level best: You get to visit places in the game that are only mentioned in the movie. One of them is Lotus Lake (*above*), where kung fu master Oogway was born 1,000 years ago.

Between a Croc and a hard place: Other new enemies are the Crocodiles, allies of the evil Tai Lung. They have lightning speed, dangerous teeth, and a huge appetite. Po has to serve them a casserole of kung fu moves to make Lotus Lake (*below*) safe again.

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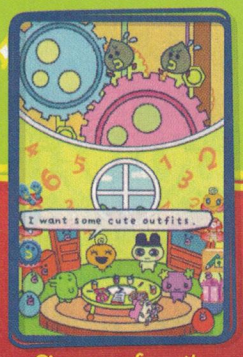

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Test Your Avatar

A lot has happened on *Avatar: The Last Airbender* since Aang first emerged from that iceberg. Take this quiz to see how much you know about how the characters' lives have unfolded. **Answers on page 45.**

by Frank Pittarese

Elemental Knowledge

Choose the correct answer to each question.

1 After 100 years, how was Aang finally freed from an iceberg?

a. Katara cracked it open with a Water Tribe club.
b. Sokka smashed it with his boomerang.
c. Appa burped on it.

2 When an Avatar dies, he or she:

a. turns into a dragon.
b. is given a going-away party.
c. is reincarnated as a brand-new person.

3 Waterbenders draw their power from:

a. the ocean.
b. fire hydrants.
c. the moon.

4 Which of these animals has not been seen in the world of *Avatar*?

a. Chicken pig
b. Spider monkey
c. Bear

Fiery Family

Identify Fire Lord Ozai's family members using the names provided below.

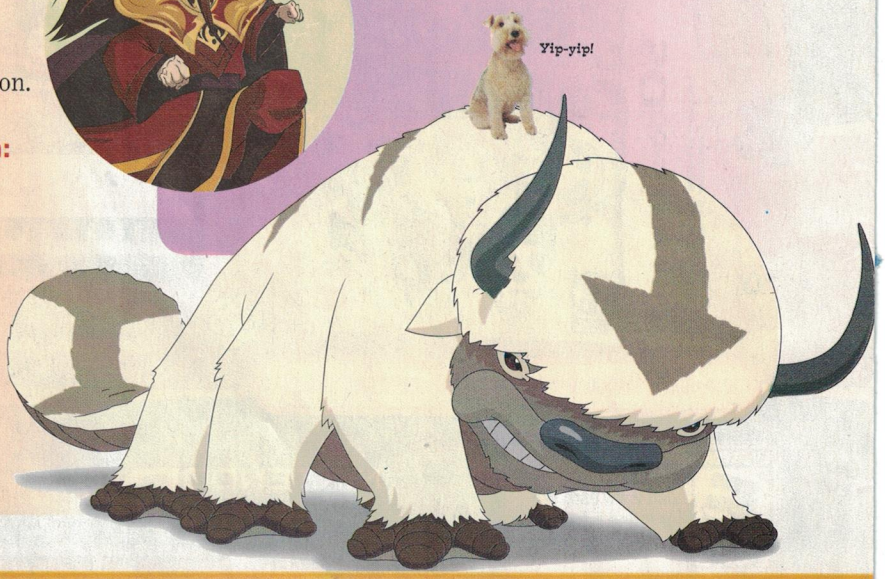
Ursa Azulon Lu Ten Azula

5 _____ ruled as Fire Lord for 23 years.

6 _____ was present when Zuko was scarred.

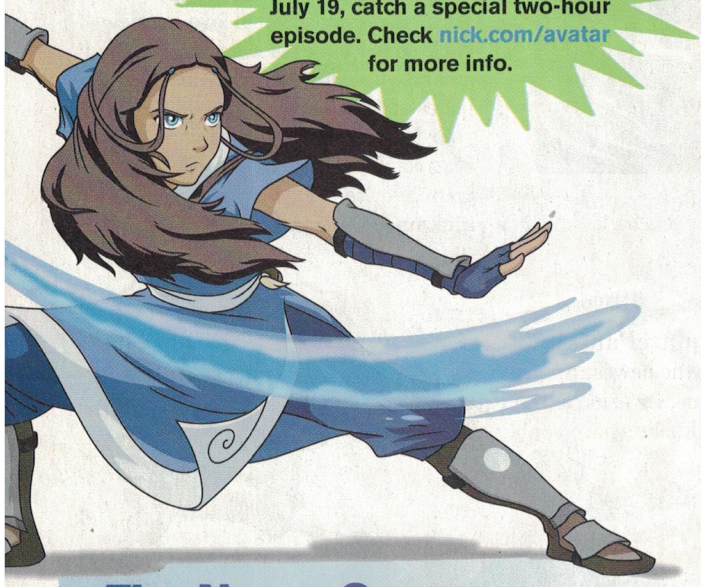
7 _____ perished at the Battle of Ba Sing Se.

8 _____ is currently missing.



IQ

Tune in to brand-new episodes of *Avatar: The Last Airbender* every weeknight during the week of Monday, July 14. Then on Saturday, July 19, catch a special two-hour episode. Check nick.com/avatar for more info.



The Name Game

Match each character to his or her alter ego.

9 Iroh ____
10 Zuko ____
11 Toph ____
12 Katara ____

a. The Painted Lady
b. The Blind Bandit
c. The Dragon of the West
d. The Blue Spirit

Hair Today...

13 **Put these photos of Zuko in chronological order by writing 1, 2, or 3 in the blanks:**

a. ____ b. ____ c. ____

For a downloadable *Avatar* prize, enter the code OTTER at nickmag.com.

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Little Ben

On *The Mighty B!*, Bessie's little brother, Ben, is up for whatever she's doing. But he's the one person Bessie is not so into hanging out with. We talked to actor Andy Richter, who voices Ben. by Gaby Camacho

Real

NICKELODEON MAGAZINE: Are you a little brother?
ANDY RICHTER: I am. I have a brother who is three years older than me, and I was definitely a tagalong when I was little.

What do you like best about Ben?
He spends so much of his time wanting to be a part of whatever's happening with Bessie. Then when he actually does get invited, most of the time he realizes she's doing something absolutely crazy.

Bessie is voiced by Amy Poehler. Do you wish Amy were your real-life sister?
It would be great to have Amy as a sister!

What do you think would be the best way to annoy her?
I would probably tell her what to do because she doesn't like that.

How can you best get away with pranking an older sibling?
You have to get the notion in your mind that you are never going to take credit for it. If you hide a bucket of water in [your sibling's] closet, and it falls on their head, they're probably going to figure out it's you. But if you really want to get away with a prank, you have to just savor it in silence. ❑

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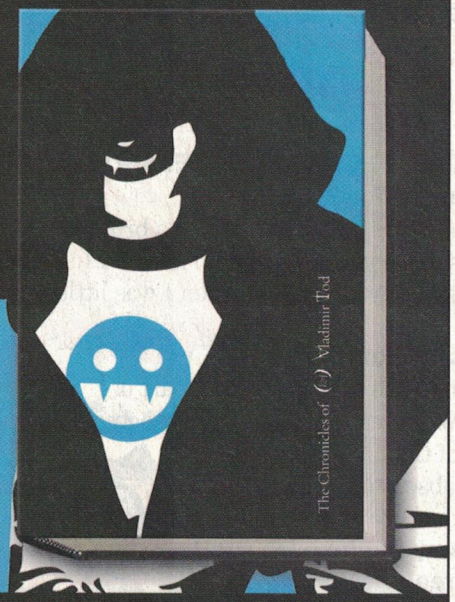

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Green Machine

We asked *Drake & Josh* star **Josh Peck** if he has any green goals for the coming months. He told us he'd like to learn how to get rid of old computers in a more earth-friendly way. "I hear it's really bad for the environment to just throw them away," he said.

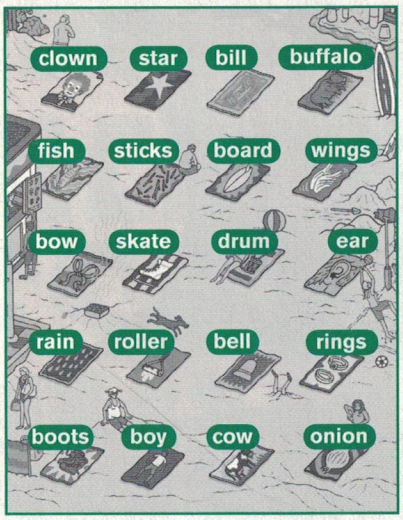
NICKELODEON THE BIG GREEN HELP

If you'd like info about recycling computer parts, ask your parents to check with your computer's manufacturer or a local office supply store. Go to **www.biggreenhelp.com** for more tips, games, videos from other kids, and more.

Answers

Baggage Claim (page 8): **1**–B, **2**–C, **3**–A.

Beach Blanket *Lingo* (page 17):
In alphabetical order: bellboy, billboard, Buffalo Bill, Buffalo wings, clown fish, cowbell, cowboy, cowboy boots, drumsticks, eardrum, earrings, fish sticks, onion rings, rain boots, rainbow, rainbow fish, roller skate, skateboard, starboard, starfish.



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1–A, **2**–C, **3**–C, **4**–B, **5**–Azulon, **6**–Azula, **7**–Lu Ten, **8**–Ursa, **9**–C, **10**–D, **11**–B, **12**–A, **13**–A=2, B=3, C=1.

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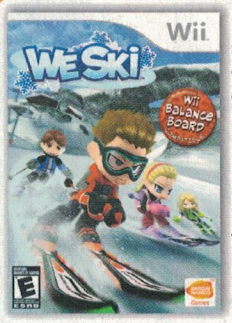

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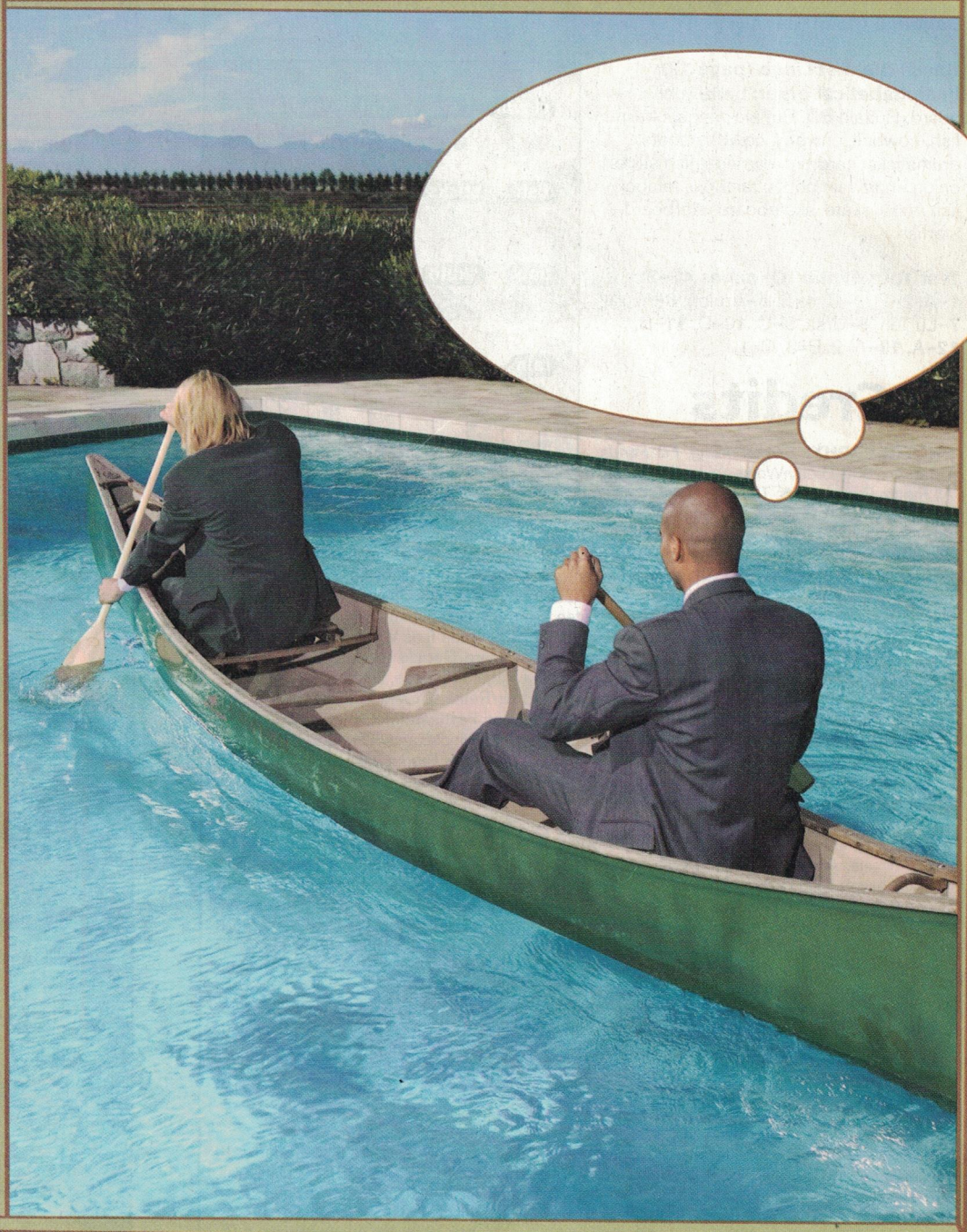

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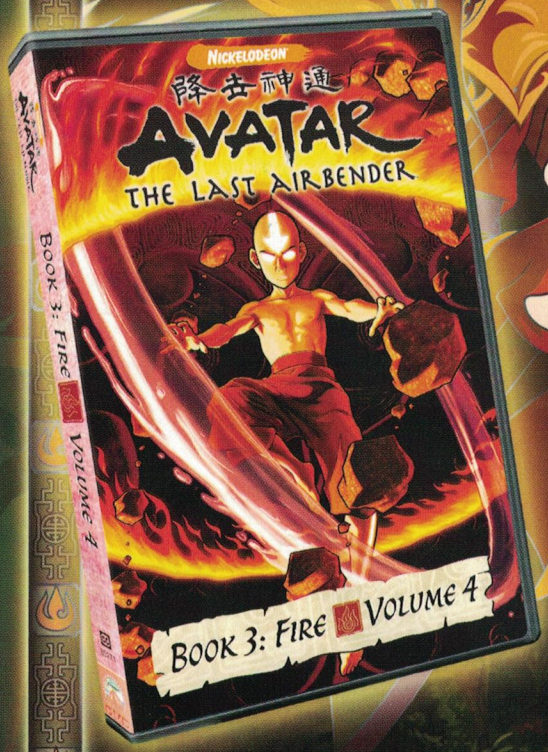

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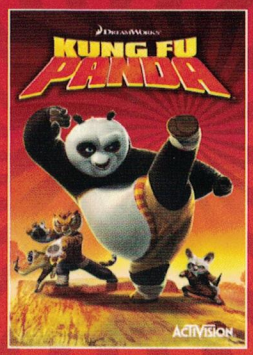

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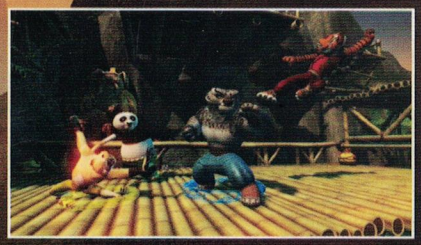

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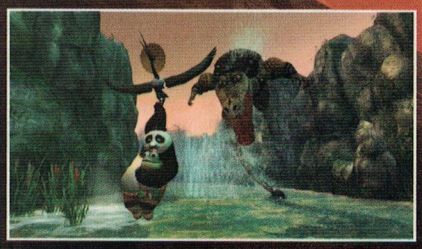

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